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Schmidt urges benefit of doubt for 2 aides

BONN, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was Saturday seeking to shore up his coalition government following attacks against two key ministers allegedly implicated in tax evasion and bribery scandal.

Schmidt told a working group of his Social Democrat Party (SPD) Friday that his Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff and Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer were "absolutely not undermined."

The chancellor, while careful to take issue with the opponents pointed out that the prosecutors "could sometimes be mistaken". It had taken five and a half years before he himself was cleared in a suspected high treason case dating back to 1963, he noted. The probe ordered Friday by the director of prosecutions into the financial activities of the two ministers relates to a complex case of alleged irregularities in which more than 1,000 persons, are allegedly involved.

Even if the inquiry into the two ministers' doings is founded on "serious grounds", as maintained by conservative opposition circles, it will very likely take years for the case to be wrapped up, observers here believe.

Lambsdorff is being investigated on two separate counts — one relating to alleged tax evasion involving contributions to party funds channelled through charitable foundations, and the other to alleged "passive corruption". At the center of this second investigation is the Flick industrial holding to which Lambsdorff allegedly granted tax concessions on Matthöfer's recommendation.

Over unconfirmed report Bonn resents Begin outburst

BONN, Feb. 27 (R) — A leading member of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's party voiced distress Saturday that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin should attack the West German leader on the basis of an unconfirmed newspaper report.

Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, deputy chairman of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), was commenting on Begin's advice to the chancellor Friday to get down on his knees and ask Jewish forgiveness for German World War II crimes. Begin reacted to a report in the Israeli newspaper *Yediot Aharanot* that quoted Schmidt as saying the previous day he would not visit Israel until Begin apologized for personal attacks made on him last year.

Bonn's chief spokesman, Kurt Becker, denied that Schmidt had made such a remark. Wischnewski followed up Saturday by emphatically rejecting Begin's attack. "I consider it extremely distressing that the Israeli prime minister reacted with such vigor to an incorrect press report without examining the truth of its contents, and in so doing needlessly placed stones in the way of continued understanding between the Federal Republic of Germany and Israel," he said.

During the Israeli election campaign last June, Begin accused Schmidt of serving faithfully in the German Army that helped to wipe out European Jews and also charged him with "unbridled greed and avarice." The remarks arose when Schmidt spoke of the West German commitment to the Palestinian people during a visit to Saudi Arabia.

Begin referred to the visit again Friday, speaking of "incredible" statements from "the head of a government of a nation which bears historic responsibility for the extermination of six million Jews, among them one and a half million little children."

Delamare said slain by Syria squad

PARIS, Feb. 27 (AP) — A commando squad controlled by the Syrian government was responsible for the assassination in Beirut last September of France's ambassador to Lebanon, the independent leftist daily, *Libération*, has alleged.

The three-page article by Jean-Louis Péninou said Friday the four-man team was to have kidnapped career diplomat Louis Delamare in order to scare him and the French government off their apparent attempt to reduce Syrian influence in Lebanon. An Arab League peacekeeping force, composed mainly of Syrian troops, has been in Lebanon since 1976, to keep order among the many armed factions in the country after the 1974-75 civil war.

The article said, however, that something went wrong Sept. 4, and the rear of the French diplomat's car was sprayed with automatic weapons fire after the commandos were unable to open the doors. Delamare died less than an hour later at a nearby hospital without regaining consciousness.

Péninou said the majority of his sources in Beirut and Paris requested anonymity. But he did cite by name the ambassador's Lebanese chauffeur who was unharmed during the attack and able to identify one of the assassins as well as describe what happened immediately afterward. Péninou said the hit squad's car passed several Syrian-maned barriers without difficulty and was seen returning to the headquarters of Amal.

The newspaper alleged that Amal is a cover for Syrian special forces, commanded directly by Rifaat Assad, a younger brother of Syrian President Hafez Assad. There were indications, the article said, that the governments of both former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and President François Mitterrand were seeking to have the Lebanese armed forces, backed by French military assistance, replace Syrian troops.

Delamare was killed shortly after French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson made his first trip to the Middle East, which included a meeting arranged by Delamare with Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat. The Syrians were reportedly annoyed over the meeting.

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As scandals engulf Brezhnev's kin Soviets vie for key post

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (AFP) — A new race for the Soviet leadership seems to be under way amid rumors that close relatives of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev are implicated in a series of scandals.

Jockeying for power in the Politburo apparently started following last month's death of Soviet Communist Party ideologist Mikhail Suslov. Reports suggested at the time that Central Committee Secretary and Politburo Member Constantin Chernenko, considered to be close to 75-year-old Brezhnev, was on the rise.

But the current rumor campaign, while apparently aimed at Brezhnev, may in fact be an attempt to get at those he favors as his successors. Two scandals, which have diplomatic circles buzzing, involve the recent arrest of Moscow circus director Anatoly Kolyvatonov on charges of trafficking in precious stones and foreign currency.

Kolyvatonov, a friend of Brezhnev's daughter, Galina, was reportedly in possession of precious stones worth \$1 million and foreign currency when arrested Feb. 17.

A second, and apparently more serious scandal, allegedly implicates Brezhnev's son, Yuri, a deputy minister for foreign trade. According to persistent rumors here, Yuri is being investigated for alleged misuse of funds and might be forced to resign his post. The investigation had reportedly been conducted by Brezhnev's brother-in-law, Geo. Semionov Tsvigun, the KGB omurmer two, who died Jan. 20.

It was noted here that Brezhnev did not sign Gen. Tsvigun's obituary, even though they had been long-time comrades. Observers here are tempted to see in the rumors an orchestrated campaign against Brezhnev, who appears incapable of putting an end to them.

Over the past few weeks, sources close to Kremlin have sought to convince observers and diplomats here that Chernenko, 71, has been confirmed as successor to Brezhnev and that his recent visit to France at the head of a delegation attending the French Communist Party congress was a sign of this promotion. But diplomatic observers believe that the succession matter has not yet been settled and that Chernenko could well be the first to fall from grace after the death of Brezhnev.

By Kuwait Special OPEC talks opposed

KUWAIT, Feb. 27 (AP) — Kuwaiti officials were quoted Saturday as opposing calls by some oil-producing countries for holding an emergency meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), saying that these calls were in themselves resulting in further deterioration of crude prices.

The newspaper *Al-Qabas*, which did not identify the officials, quoted them also as saying that the main OPEC members favoring an emergency session were the United Arab Emirates and both Iraq and Iran. The officials said an emergency OPEC meeting "does not have any chance of success," advocating instead "unpublicized contacts to put the OPEC house in order."

"The mere call for such a conference is inflicting real losses on the OPEC members, who have been conducting negotiations with their clients," the officials were quoted as saying. "No sooner had those clients heard the call than they stopped negotiations pending expected new price rebates."

New factors which motivated consumers to adopt a more hardline stand included surrender by some OPEC countries to the current glut situation by reducing prices, and the resort to international borrowing by other OPEC members to honor commitments in the wake of "a severe retreat in their incomes as a result of failure to sell their production," the officials said.

They blamed OPEC member states who still produce in excess of financial commitments, saying that this contributed to the strong position currently enjoyed by clients.

Kuwait is said to have cut back production in recent months to 600,000 barrels a day, the lowest figure in the country's history.

Pakistan rounds up 1,400

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 27 (R) — Authorities in Pakistan's Punjab and Sind provinces have arrested more than 1,400 persons in the past two days, officials said Saturday, amending earlier reports that put the number at more than 2,700.

The arrests, about 700 in the Punjab and 742 in Sind, home province of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, were made in a drive against "criminal and anti-social elements," they said. It was earlier reported by Pakistan Press International news agency that more than 2,000 persons were arrested in the Punjab provincial capital of Lahore alone. Police chief Lt. Gen. Ahmad Khan Saturday called the figure "highly inflated and misleading."

The crackdown followed recent condemnation by government officials and clergy.

Hinckley sued for \$46 million

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, (R) — White House Press Secretary James Brady, who was shot in the head during the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan last March, has sued John Hinckley, the accused assassin, for \$46 million in damages.

Hinckley has admitted firing the shots that injured Brady, President Reagan, a secret service agent and a Washington policeman outside a Washington hotel.

But 26-year-old Hinckley's lawyers have entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. His trial is expected to begin some time this spring.

Brady, 41, the most seriously injured in the incident, claimed in a suit filed in U.S. district court Friday to have suffered severe and permanent injury. He is the second victim to sue Hinckley. Washington policeman Thomas Delahanty, who was wounded in the neck, last month sued Hinckley for \$12 million in damages.

Nyerere's ouster demanded Hijacked Tanzania plane lands in U.K.

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — A hijacked Tanzanian Boeing 737 landed Saturday at Stansted Airport north of London and was surrounded by police on an isolated runway.

The plane, seized while on an internal flight in Tanzania Friday with more than 90 passengers on board, had previously landed in Nairobi, Jeddah and Athens. A British Defense Ministry spokesman said there were no plans to send troops to Stansted, a medium-sized airport between London and Cambridge.

The leader of the four armed hijackers, who identified himself as "Lieutenant Wami", reportedly said the action was "the beginning of a coup against dictator (Julius) Nyerere", the president of Tanzania.

Two of the passengers, the only non-Tanzanians aboard, were allowed to leave the plane at Athens. One of them, Belgium priest Michel Pique, said the hijackers belonged to the anti-Nyerere Tanzania Youth Democratic Movement.

Doctor Vassili Thomas, who boarded the aircraft at Athens, said the co-pilot had been slightly wounded when he tried to resist the hijackers. The air pirates, who were accompanied by their families, boarded the Dar-Es-Salaam-bound flight at Mwanza in northern Tanzania.

A Department of Trade spokeswoman said the hijackers have demanded to see British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, the Tanzanian high commissioner, or ambassador, in London, and a third person whose status was not clear. The name sounded like Aska Kambana, a Trade Department spokesman told the Associated Press. "It's all very confused right now. We understand the demands were made using the pilot's radio," the spokesman said.

Foreign Secretary Carrington is currently in Nairobi, Kenya — where the hijacked plane made its first stop — on an official visit, and not due back in London until March 3. Tanzania is a former British colony granted independence in 1961.

The hijacked airliner taxied to an isolated area on the far side of Stansted airport behind

Kingdom clarifies landing at Jeddah

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Civil Aviation Authority Saturday issued the following statement on the hijacked Tanzanian airliner:

On Feb. 27, Saturday morning, at 3 a.m. local time, a Tanzanian Boeing 737 asked for permission for an emergency landing at the Jeddah International Airport.

Although the Kingdom's policy is one of condemnation of air hijackings and refusal to use the Kingdom's airports, it permitted the Tanzanian airliner to land for refueling out of pure humanitarian considerations since the plane carried 93 persons aboard and had run short of fuel.

After refueling, the airliner took off for Europe, the statement added.

Israel sets poser to Mubarak

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27 (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has informed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that if the Egyptian leader's upcoming official visit to Israel does not include a stop in Jerusalem, he would prefer the trip be canceled, Israeli radio said Saturday.

The radio quoted "an authorized source close to the prime minister" as saying Begin's message had been conveyed in the week.

Begin's insistence that the Mubarak trip

include a Jerusalem visit, reiterated several times by official sources, is seen by observers as an attempt by Israel to pin down Egypt's political intentions after Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Sinai peninsula April 26.

Israel has insisted the Mubarak trip be replete with pomp and ceremony, including a Jerusalem visit, to demonstrate friendly Israeli-Egyptian relations. But Egyptian officials have leaned toward a low-key visit, by-passing Jerusalem. (Related story page 5)



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Kingdom exports touch SR405b mark in 1981

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The Kingdom's exports in 1981 totaled 71 million tons worth SR405 billion, an increase of SR42 billion compared to 1980. Imports recorded SR119 billion at a tonnage of 29 million, SR19 billion more than the year before.

A statistical report issued by the Finance and National Economy Ministry Saturday said that 85 percent of the imports came from 15 countries. The list of exporters to the Kingdom was led by Japan SR22 billion, followed by the United States at SR15 billion. Saudi Arabian imports from West Germany in 1981 amounted to SR11 billion, the report

said. The Kingdom imported 320,000 vehicles at a total cost of SR9.6 billion last year, compared to 390,000 vehicles worth SR9.5 billion in 1980.

The report said that 74 percent of the Kingdom's exports went to 15 countries also led by Japan which imported goods worth SR69 billion. The United States imported SR53 billion worth of merchandise from the Kingdom; France SR38 billion; Italy SR28 billion and the Netherlands SR22 billion, according to the report.

Saud, Greek aide view ties

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal conferred here Saturday with his Greek counterpart, Ioannis Charalambopoulos. Talks concentrated on bilateral relations, recent international developments of mutual concern, especially the Middle East problem.

The meeting was attended by Mamoun Qabbani, head of the foreign ministry's Western department; Abdullah Al-Malhouq, Saudi Arabian ambassador to Greece; Hassan Al-Shawaf, the minister's office director; Dr. Khaled Al-Jandan, adviser at the minister's office; Muhammad Tayeb second secretary of the Western department.

Greece was also represented by Greek Ambassador to the Kingdom Pantelis Meglidis; the head of the Arah Department at the Foreign Ministry, an economic adviser at the

foreign ministry and a representative of the coordination ministry.

The Greek minister arrived in Riyadh earlier Saturday from Jeddah. He was received by Prince Saud and other senior officials. He began his few days' visit by arriving in Jeddah Friday night, where he was welcomed by Salem Sunbul, foreign ministry's chief of protocol, and Ambassador Meglidis.

Meanwhile, Arab News learnt from well-informed sources that the meeting that the Kingdom will strive to encourage the new Greek government to play a more positive role toward the Arab cause. Extensive contacts after the success of President Papandreu's government in the Greek elections ended in the granting of diplomatic status to the PLO office in Athens.

Prince Sultan meets Kuwaiti military chief

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan received here Saturday Kuwaiti Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Abdullah Faraj Al-Ghanem. The meeting, during which cordial talks on bilateral relations were exchanged, was attended by Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, chief of the general staff.

Ghanem arrived here earlier during the day and was received at the airport by Gen. Hammad and senior Armed Forces officers. The three-day visit comes in the context of exchange of visits between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Before meeting Prince Sultan, the Kuwaiti official conferred with Gen. Hammad. They reviewed issues of interest to their countries and armed forces.

Maj. Gen. Ghanem also visited the Kharij Military Factories where he was briefed on their function and divisions. He was received and escorted by Muhammad Al-Fahd Al-Faisal, assistant director general, during his inspection of the training center, the arms factory, the ammunition factory, the central maintenance and other departments.

Bilkhoja in Madinah

MADINAH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Tunisian Information Minister, Al-Taher Bilkhoja arrived here Saturday to visit the Prophet's Mosque. He was received by Rashad Baradisi, information ministry's Madinah branch director. Bilkhoja had performed the umrah in Makkah earlier Saturday.

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Water works get a boost

Agriculture minister approves 3 projects

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh has awarded licenses for the establishment of three agricultural and animal husbandry projects at an estimated cost of SR15 million.

The first project relates to the production of wheat with an annual productive capacity of 350 tons. It will be set up in a 15-hectare area in Qasim at a cost of over SR5.88 million.

A sheep-breeding project will be set up in Washeim at a cost of over SR4 million with a productive capacity of 3,534 head of sheep. The third project is connected with rabbit breeding in Unaizah, with a productive capacity of 103,880 rabbits costing more than SR5 million.

All the three projects are to be implemented by the private sector with financing from the Agricultural Bank.

Meanwhile, Dr. Al-Sheikh, who is also chairman of the board of directors of the National Agricultural Development Company, Saturday signed a contract with a local firm for the drilling of 10 artesian wells in Hail for the irrigation of 800 hectares, in which wheat and fodder will be produced by the beginning of the next season at an overall cost SR7.43 million. With this addition, the total cultivated area in the Hail project will become 5,200 hectares, good for the cultivation of wheat and fodder.

The Hail project also includes a large dairy farm which NADCO has expanded by recently importing 170 high-yield cows from the United States. More imports of the same variety will arrive in due course of time. Additionally, the company has planted wheat in an area of 500 hectares in Wadi Dawasser, and plans to increase the area to nearly 2,000 hectares by the beginning of the new crop season.

In Hail, the company has drilled two water wells on an experimental basis. As the results were quite encouraging, more wells are planned to give a boost to the next agricultural season. Besides, the company will set up a poultry project in Hail with an annual productive capacity of eight million chickens. The project will be put under implementation as soon as specifications and plans are completed.

In another development, the Eastern Province Water and Sewage Department has allocated a site at zone 71 in Dammam for public service installations, in cooperation with the city's municipality.

The site has been handed over to the department for digging an artesian well with a capacity of 60,000 gallons of water per hour. Highly effective, chlorine-based water purification equipment will be installed at the site, in addition to a power generation room now under installation.

The department has completed studies and



Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh designs for a 50-meter water tower. A contract for the 2,000-cubic meter water tower will be awarded shortly. Studies and designs for the zone's water network and house connection have been completed and work will begin soon.

Abdullah Al-Babtain, the department's director general, said Saturday that a study for sewage and drainage networks for zone 71 has been completed. Funds will be allocated during the next fiscal year, he added.

Two sites have been allocated for public works at zone 91, Babtain said. An artesian well will be dug at one site with a capacity of 1.44 million gallons of water daily. Studies and designs for comprehensive water, sewage and drainage networks have been completed and will be commissioned soon, he added.

The total length of water networks at Dammam's zone 71 and 91 reached 156 kilometers. Babtain said that 1,300 taps and 140 hydrants for the civil defense and 9,400 house connections have been installed. He added that the department has also dug an artesian well with a productive capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute at zone 55. Studies have been prepared for a comprehensive water network at the zone. Preliminary studies for sewage and drainage networks for zone 55 have been completed with the assistance of a consulting firm. Final studies will be carried out soon, he said.

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RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali arrives here Sunday to hold talks on a variety of subjects with the Kingdom's leadership. He will be received at the airport by Crown Prince Fahd.

In an interview published in *Al-Jadeed* Saturday, the Tunisian premier said his discussions with Saudi officials will concentrate on boosting bilateral relations and cooperation in economic and political fields.

He expressed his country's strong desire to carry out joint ventures between Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, which, he said, will be of great benefit to the two sisterly countries.



Muhammad Mazali

Mazali said that part of his economic talks will focus on the world economy, with a view to finding a formula for a solid cooperation among the countries of the South in regard to the best use of their human and natural resources. This will give them an opportunity to adopt a coordinated stance vis-à-vis the industrialized nations.

Ministries begin mosque care event

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The fifth annual mosque care week began at the country level Saturday, with participation from the ministries of pilgrimage and endowments; information; interior; education and higher education, besides the General Presidency of Youth Welfare and students from the schools and universities.

Turki to visit Emirates

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Dr. Abdullah ibn Abdul Mohsen Al-Turki, rector of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, will pay an official visit to the United Arab Emirates Thursday. He will participate in talks on educational cooperation at the university level and review UAE's educational achievements.

Dr. Turki was invited by UAE education and youth minister, Saeed Sulaiman, who is also the chancellor of universities in the Emirates.

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Yamani urges television, media to shun smokers

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Saturday stressed upon the Kingdom's media service the need to ensure the non-appearance of smokers in the local television productions and newspapers.

In a statement, the minister referred to the resolution adopted by the seventh conference of the Arab Gulf information ministers in Kuwait. The conference had approved a Saudi working paper submitted in this behalf.

Yamani said the working paper had urged the visual media in the Gulf states to ensure that smokers do not appear in the services and smoking advertisements are not allowed in television programs and local newspapers.

Bureau organizes student tour plan

RIYADH, Feb. 27 (SPA) — The visit programs for meritorious students from the Gulf universities, supervised by the Riyadh-based Arab Gulf Education Bureau, began Saturday, with the participation of 60 students from 17 universities of the six Arab Gulf states, members of the AGE.

The program was put under implementation with a visit to the UAE University in Abu Dhabi, where the students will attend the university's first convocation. It has prepared a program for the students to visit some regions of the Emirates. Later, the students will proceed to Doha for visits to the University of Petroleum and Minerals and King Faisal University. They will be guests of the UPM, which will brief them on progress and development in the Eastern Province.

The students' next destination will be Bahrain where they will be guests of Bahrain University's college of sciences, literature and education. From Bahrain, the students will return home.

The program has been initiated to honor meritorious students, and will be repeated every year to realize the bureau's objectives of the exchange of visits by students and coherence among the youths of the Arabian Gulf States.

Education officials meet

DAMMAM, Feb. 27 (SPA) — Education officials opened here Saturday a five-day meeting to discuss improving education, the training of modern mathematics and applied science teaching and problems facing the implementation of such programs.

The meeting, which began at the Eastern Education Directorate General's headquarters here, groups officials from Dammam, Ahhsa, Al-Jilwi, Houtah, Wasi Al-Dawaser, Khari, Ardh and Riyadh.

In another development, officials in charge of training and vocational schools in the Kingdom will also meet here Sunday to discuss training programs and courses organized by the Ministry of Education.

Ahsa governor dedicates tree planting week

AHSA, Feb. 27 (SPA) — A tree-planting week began here Saturday under the aegis of Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd Al-Jiluwi, governor of Ahhsa region.

Speaking on the occasion, Ahhsa Mayor Hamad Al-Sughair highlighted the significance of afforestation in the Kingdom. Then, the governor planted the first sapling, heralding the beginning of the week in which participants will include personnel from the municipalities of Ahhsa, Umran, Oyun and Jafar, and the department of education, the directorate of agriculture, the governorate, the irrigation and sewage board, the agricultural research center and the King Faisal University.

During the week, more than 15,000 saplings will be planted at Ahhsa's schools, streets, public squares and the youth welfare camp.

The opening function was attended by a large number of officials, students, scouts and others.

In another news, Prince Muhammad will open an exhibition of plastic arts by Ahmad Al-Maghlooth, at the commercial complex hall here Tuesday.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam received Saturday the delegations taking part in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Table Tennis Championship which opened in Riyadh Thursday. He welcomed the participants in their "second country, Saudi Arabia." Prince Sattam also stressed the need for holding further gatherings for the youth of the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula.

RIYADH, (SPA) — President of Youth Welfare Prince Faisal ibn Fahd attended here Saturday an exhibition match between the Saudi Arabian national football team and a Brazilian team. The game, which ended 1:0 in favor of the Brazilians, is one of a series to be played by the national team in preparation for the sixth Gulf soccer championship scheduled for Abu Dhabi next month. Malaysian Youth and Sports Minister Dato Mokhtar Hashem, who is visiting the Kingdom, attended the match.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, met with Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic development bank, at the OIC headquarters here Saturday. The meeting discussed a number of

issues of mutual interest and promoting cooperation between the two organizations. Chatti also received Senegalese Ambassador Mustapha Sisse and Philippine Ambassador Benjamin Romualdez, separately. The two meetings centered on the issue of Filipino Muslims and other topics which concern the Islamic world.

MAKKAH, (SPA) — The local Holy Quran recitation competition began here to select best competitors to represent the Kingdom at the international competition for Quran recitation, scheduled for Makkah next month. The local competition will last three days and will be held on a morning and evening sessions. A committee of judges comprising representatives of the Quran memorization school has been formed.

AHSA, (SPA) — Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University's college of Sharia and Islamic studies has fixed March 6 as the date for personal interviews of applicants to the department of Arabic language, administration and religious studies. The college began Saturday regular studies on the second semester of the current academic year. Fifty students have been enrolled. Meanwhile, the college will organize, in cooperation with King Faisal University's Ahhsa branch, a seminar on the role of mosques in the society. A number of scholars and professors will take part in the symposium.

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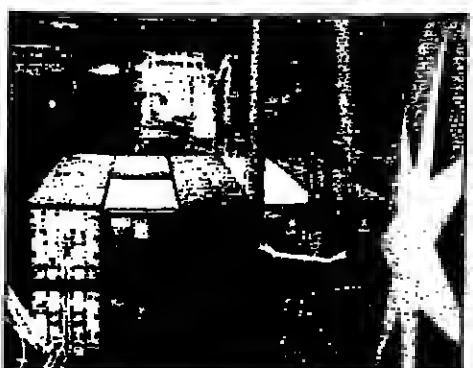
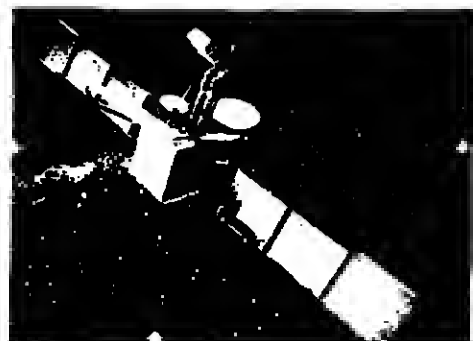
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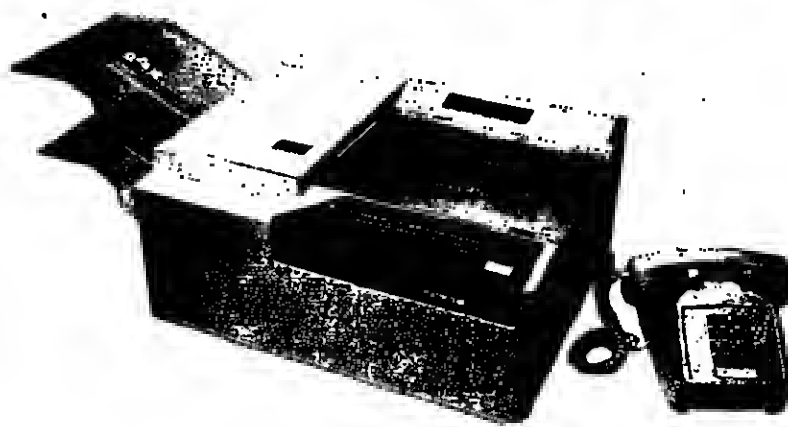
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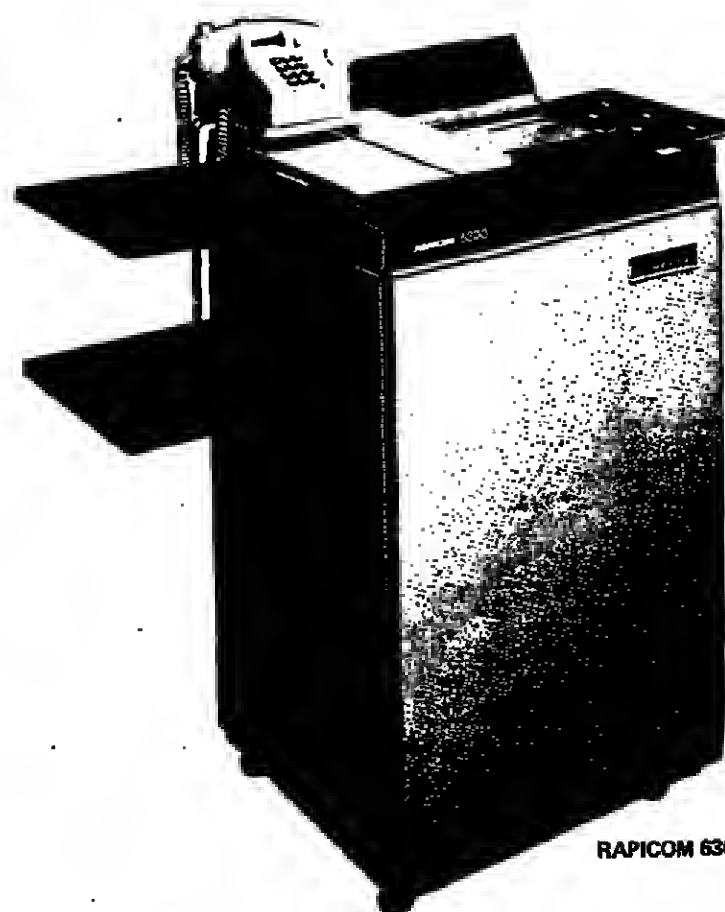
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80 Afghan, Soviet troops killed

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 27 (AFP) — Heavy fighting around the Afghan capital Kabul early this week took a heavy toll in civilian and government casualties, travelers reaching Peshawar said Saturday.

Nearly 80 Soviet and Afghan soldiers were killed in one heavy clash near the capital, and Soviet planes had used napalm, the sources quoted Afghans as saying.

The fighting spread to an area 14 kms

north of Kabul and continued until Wednesday, the sources said. There was no immediate confirmation Saturday of the report. The Soviet troops resorted to "massive retaliatory bombing" raids using MiG and helicopters to crush the armed resistance, the sources said.

The Soviet planes also used napalm bombs resulting in "a lot of women and children casualties." The situation in Kabul was tense and Soviet families were assembling in the

Pule-Khumri area of the city, the sources said.

Meanwhile, resistance sources in Quetta, capital of Pakistan's Baluchistan province, said Saturday the situation in Kandahar has "improved" in their favor. The rebels had lost control of the second biggest Afghan city during the Soviet-Afghan troops winter operation.

Despite the Soviet blockade, freedom fighters, who were exhausting their ammunition, had succeeded in getting a small quantity of arms to the rebels, the resistance sources said.

Libya opens Tunis cultural center

TUNIS, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi plans to leave Tunisia Sunday at the end of a week-long visit that brought a marked improvement in the relations between the two neighbors, informed sources said Friday night.

Col. Qaddafi's visit resulted in a reconciliation with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba after an eight-year dispute over the abortive merger of their two countries. The visit went on longer than expected because of the success of talks between the two leaders, the sources said.

As a symbol of reconciliation, Qaddafi Friday night opened the Libyan Cultural Center in Tunisia, which was closed two years ago when bilateral relations were at their lowest level. The two countries had decided to upgrade their diplomatic relations to ambassador-

War, feuds make M.E. most volatile

BEIRUT, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — An uprising in Syria, a war between Iran and Iraq, the uncertainty of Egypt's position in the Arab world and rising tensions in south Lebanon make the Middle East one of the most volatile areas in the world. Seldom have Arab ranks been in such disarray as they are now.

Iran, by ignoring mediation offers by the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), the nonaligned group and the U.N., is continuing its war against Iraq. Syria and Egypt have undergone traumas that raise questions about the long-term stability of their govern-

ment.

Israel, which is backed by the United States, has contributed the maximum to the region's instability with attacks on Palestinian positions in Lebanon, the bombing of an Iraqi nuclear research center and the annexation of Syrian Golan Heights.

An alleged Palestinian arms buildup has been used in an excuse by Israel to threaten the seven-month-old ceasefire in south Lebanon. The 11-nation U.N. peacekeeping force that separates the two sides won approval this week for 1,000 additional troops to patrol the region, but the 7,000-man army is too lightly armed to prevent renewed conflict.

In the past two months, President Hafez Assad's government has been shaken by an attempted coup within the military and an uprising in the northern city of Hama, which lasted nearly three weeks. Syrian officials have blamed the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood for the campaign that has claimed hundreds of lives and led to the Hama insurrection, which left 3,000 casualties on both sides.

The Arab states are waiting to see whether President Hosni Mubarak will move Egypt back into the Arab fold after Israel's final pullout from Sinai April 26. Radicals such as Syria demand Mubarak revoke the treaty with Israel as the price for reconciliation.



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Kuwait suspends Beirut flights

BEIRUT, Feb. 27 (AP) — Kuwait's national airline has suspended regular flights to Beirut indefinitely following an attack by Shiite gunmen on one of its jetliners at Beirut airport Wednesday, airport sources here said Saturday.

The sources, who requested anonymity, said the Kuwaiti Airways employees at Beirut airport have been absent since the nine-hour seizure of the Kuwaiti Boeing 707 which carried 105 passengers and crew members. The gunmen, who requested an international investigation into the four-year-old disappearance of their spiritual leader surrendered later to Syrian peacekeeping forces and freed all the hostages unharmed.

Saleh arrives in Doha

DOHA, Feb. 27 (R) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh arrived from Iraq Saturday to resume his tour of the Gulf countries.

Col. Saleh visited Oman, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Jordan before going to Baghdad. The Yemeni leader was welcomed at the airport by the ruler of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani. He is expected to visit Saudi Arabia Sunday.

ial level, official sources added.

A ministerial committee set up by the two men met twice Friday to work out guidelines for the two countries' renewed relations but no details of its work were released. Col. Qaddafi is expected to address students of Tunis University before departure.

Meanwhile, in Washington, United States President Ronald Reagan is still considering whether to take any action against Libya. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Friday. He declined to comment directly on reports from informed government sources that Reagan was considering stopping imports of Libyan oil and sale of oil industry equipment in Libya.

Speakes said there were "a number of options that the president has been reviewing," but "no final decision has been made."

Murder suspect of Turkish consul arrested

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27 (AP) — A second man sought in the assassination of Turkish Consul General Kemal Arkan has been tentatively identified from photographs by three eyewitnesses to the killing, a newspaper reported Friday.

"At least three witnesses... have identified Krikor Saliba as the second suspect in the assassination" after viewing a photo lineup, Los Angeles police detective Marvin Engquist said in a sworn statement filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, the Los Angeles *Herald Examiner* said.

Engquist also wrote in the statement that a car seen at the Jan. 28 murder scene was traced to the home of Harry Sassounian, 19, who has been charged with the diplomat's murder. Saliba, 21, of Pasadena, is still being sought.

Greek premier visits Cyprus

LARNACA, Feb. 27 (AP) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu arrived in Cyprus Saturday in the first ever visit by a Greek premier to this war-torn island.

Greek-Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou, government and church officials, diplomats and tens of thousands of flag-waving Greek-Cypriots were at this south Cyprus airport to give Papandreu a tumultuous welcome when his jetliner landed. "Your arrival encourages us in our struggle — we shall continue the struggle until justice prevails," a placard raised by the welcomeers read.

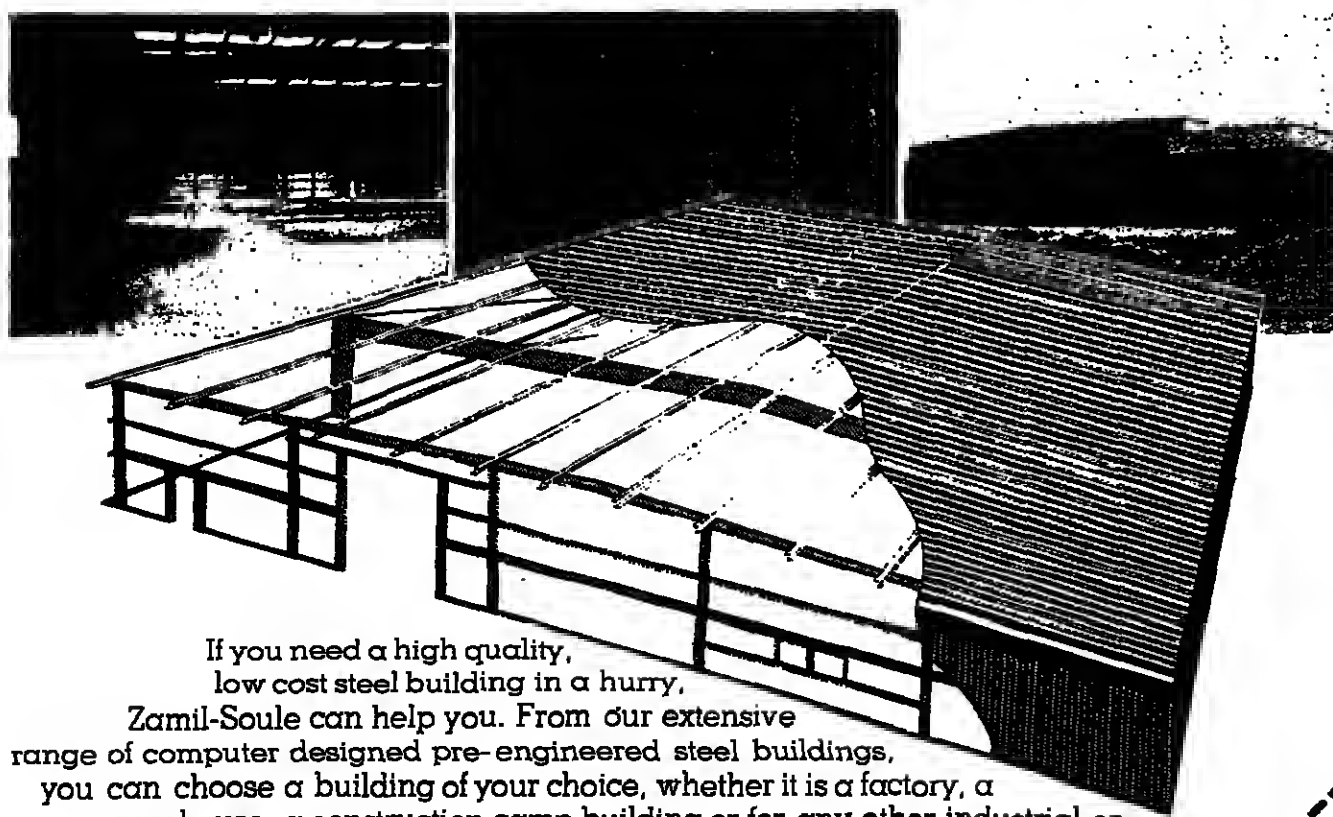
"Greece out of NATO," and "NATO-CIA-treason," shouted the huge crowd gathered on the tarmac as Papandreu shook hands with welcoming leaders of extreme right to extreme left Greek-Cypriot political parties.

Algerian team ends visit to Vietnam

BANGKOK, Feb. 27 (AFP) — An Algerian government delegation has wound up a three-day visit to Vietnam that focused on economic cooperation, the Vietnam News Agency (VNA) said in a report monitored here Saturday.

The delegation, headed by Algerian Health Minister Abdulrazak Bouhara, left Hanoi Friday. The delegates were in Hanoi to attend the second meeting of the Vietnam-Algeria Joint Commission for Economic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation.

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Hints at arms for Jordan

U.S. raps pre-emptive Israeli attacks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan's administration has made it clear that it would strongly oppose any pre-emptive attack by Israel against any Arab state and hinted anew at a major arms deal for Jordan despite Israeli opposition.

A State Department statement rejected the notion, voiced by Israel's new U.S. ambassador Thursday, that an Israeli strike into southern Lebanon might be justified because of an alleged Palestinian buildup.

The strong tone of the U.S. statement reflects differing perceptions in Washington and Tel Aviv over whether recent events in the Mideast pose a serious new danger to Israel. "We are not aware of any major infusion of arms from any source since last July that could be construed as significantly altering the balance of force" in southern Lebanon, the State Department said. The statement was read to reporters by the spokesman, Dean Fischer.

Israeli threat alerts Palestinians

TYRE, Lebanon, Feb. 27 (AP) — Palestinian commandos in southern Lebanon are taking reports of the Israeli threat to launch an attack on South Lebanon seriously, United Nations officials say.

"There are more of them out in the open now, and they wish to portray themselves as a serious military force," said a U.N. official who did not want to be named.

Units of Palestinian commandos, wearing military uniforms with helmets instead of their usual blue jeans and checkered head

Sinai settlers resent Israeli ban

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27 (AP) — Israeli settlers in the Sinai town of Yamith met Saturday to protest Israel's midnight ban of citizens without special passes from the peninsula.

Extreme right-wing parliament member Gueula Cohen, who has been living in Yamith for several months, Saturday sent a telegram to Prime Minister Menachem Begin which said: "You have taken the first shot in a civil war which will pit your government against those who oppose giving our territory to the enemy." The ban, which fell at midnight Friday, is a step by Israel toward fulfilling the Camp David agreement for the evacuation of the Sinai, to be completed in April.

Travel to Yamith had been banned several

weeks ago, but militants still reached the town through detours from the south, despite being warned that some access routes were mined. This growing resistance led Israel to impose the access ban.

Only Israelis now living in the Sinai or with a pass signed by the Israeli commander-in-chief of the area can enter.

The emergency meeting in Yamith Saturday was led by militants opposed to Israeli withdrawal, including 300 families from the hardline "faith group" (Gush Etzion) and 75 students from Hebrew University.

The militants said they would propose creating several new settlements around Yamith over the next few days as a show of opposition to the upcoming Sinai evacuation.

ance of forces."

Without being asked, Fischer then volunteered to reporters a statement indicating the administration is leaning toward providing a new arms package to Jordan. Israeli officials had reacted with outspoken alarm when Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger suggested on a recent trip to Jordan that the administration might sell sophisticated F-16 fighters and mobile hawk anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan.

"Jordan is a good friend of the United States, and we want Jordan to be secure," Fischer said. "We have a long-standing military relationship with Jordan and regularly conduct talks with that country about its defense requirements and its military equipment needs."

Asked about a comment by Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon that Israel wouldn't permit Jordan to receive sophisticated arms, and also would oppose "re-militarization" of the Egyptian Sinai following Israel's withdrawal in April, Fischer said: "The answer I gave you in connection with the questions posed by the Israeli ambassador are equally applicable to that question."

Habib, Wazzan mull fragile ceasefire

BEIRUT, Feb. 27 (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib and Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan Saturday discussed ways of strengthening an uneasy ceasefire between Palestinians in south Lebanon and Israeli forces, Wazzan said.

The prime minister told reporters that Habib, who is on his fifth visit to the Middle East since a Syria-Israeli crisis blew up last April, had not presented any specific proposals. But he said the special envoy appeared determined to prevent renewed violence in south Lebanon and their talks had concentrated on how to strengthen the ceasefire which Habib helped to work out last July.

The ceasefire, which ended two weeks of cross-border shelling and a series of Israeli air raids on Beirut and the south which official accounts say killed more than 300 persons, is still in force. But bitter propaganda exchanges over the last two months have made it look increasingly fragile.

The U.S. administration Friday reinforced Habib's mission by publicly warning Israel that Washington would not condone any military action in south Lebanon.

Habib, a former Vietnam peace negotiator, refused to say anything to reporters about his talks with Wazzan. He later

drove to the eastern sector of Beirut for talks with Foreign Minister Fawad Butros. U.S. officials are refusing to spell out the exact aims of Habib's new round of talks in the Middle East and have declined to say whom he will see or where he may travel next.

Lebanese government sources said they thought Habib might move on to Israel. But there was also speculation that he was planning to visit Syria. On previous tours, Habib went to Israel, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan as well as Lebanon.

Syria's relations with the United States are strained at present and an official newspaper in Damascus has roundly condemned Habib's visit to the region. Syria is angry that the United States vetoed the imposition of sanctions on Israel by the United Nations Security Council. Damascus led a campaign for the sanctions after Israel annexed the

Syrian Golan Heights last Dec. 14. Habib was originally sent to the Middle East to try to defuse a crisis between Syria and Israel over the stationing of Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. Syria installed the rockets after Israeli planes shot down two Syrian helicopters over the Bekaa. Israel threatened to destroy them if they were not removed.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel said this week that the special envoy would be working on "efforts to promote reconciliation in Lebanon and to improve relationships with other nations in the Middle East."

Habib also had talks Saturday with President Elias Sarkis at the suburban presidential palace in Baabda, eight kms (east of the capital) Friday evening. He had further meetings with parliament speaker Kamel Assaad.

8 killed, 27 injured in Beirut blast

BEIRUT, Feb. 27 (AP) — Police said eight civilians were killed and 27 wounded when a car bomb devastated an unfinished two-story building and a wood warehouse near a Syrian army checkpoint on the southern flank of Beirut Saturday.

A police spokesman who declined to be named in keeping with Lebanese government regulations said four of the dead were burned beyond recognition. All other victims, including the injured were Lebanese, the spokesman added.

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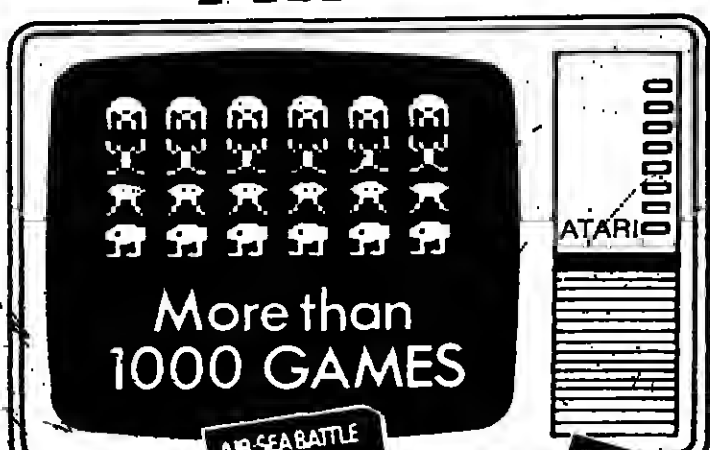
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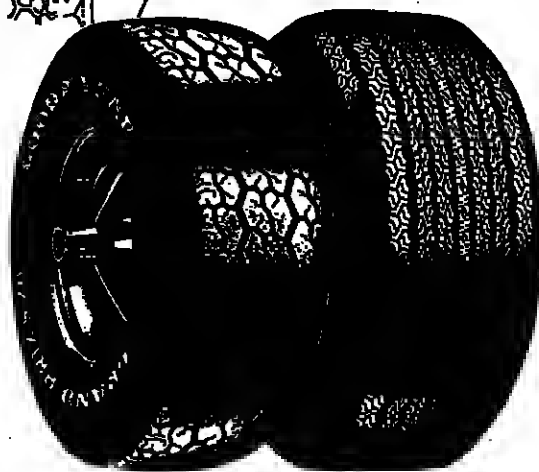


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TIME RUNNING OUT FOR REAGAN

President Reagan is reported to be considering running for a second term in 1985. His reason is that his four-year term will not suffice for the implementation of his program for the economic and political rejuvenation of the United States.

While Reagan's popularity has shown a slight improvement in recent months, many feel that he will need much stronger showing to clinch a second term. The prevailing view in Washington is that the administration has not accomplished and is not due to accomplish soon any decisive breakthrough in either the economy or the field of international relations.

Internally, the recession continues to bite. Outside, the administration's handling of such issues as that of the continued Soviet presence in Afghanistan, the military rule in Poland, the arms limitation talks, and last but not least, the problem of the Middle East, has been less than decisive. In addition, there is apprehension that the situation in Central America might soon deteriorate rapidly and dramatically.

The administration itself has been less than cohesive. Many think that the continued bickering within it will seriously affect a second run. It is therefore thought possible that Reagan will effect a reshuffle, in which some of the more controversial members, such as Secretary of State Alexander Haig, are asked to leave, so that the president can face the country with a more stable team.

Saudi Arabian press review

he call for establishing a collective and strong Arab front to face the Israeli challenges amid an imminent Zionist wide-scale assault on southern Lebanon was the main topic for editorial comment in Saturday's newspapers.

Al-Jazirah drew attention to the current Israeli military concentrations along the Lebanese borders as clear evidence that a premeditated Israeli offensive on southern Lebanon is a matter of time. "The time is ripe for the Arabs to close their ranks and work out a joint strategy against the Zionist threats. Otherwise, the Arab nation will face a new military and moral defeat" it said.

"Had it not been for inter-Arab rifts and lack of collective strategy, Israel would not have dared to continue its expansionist policy which threatens the existence of the whole Arab world," the paper added.

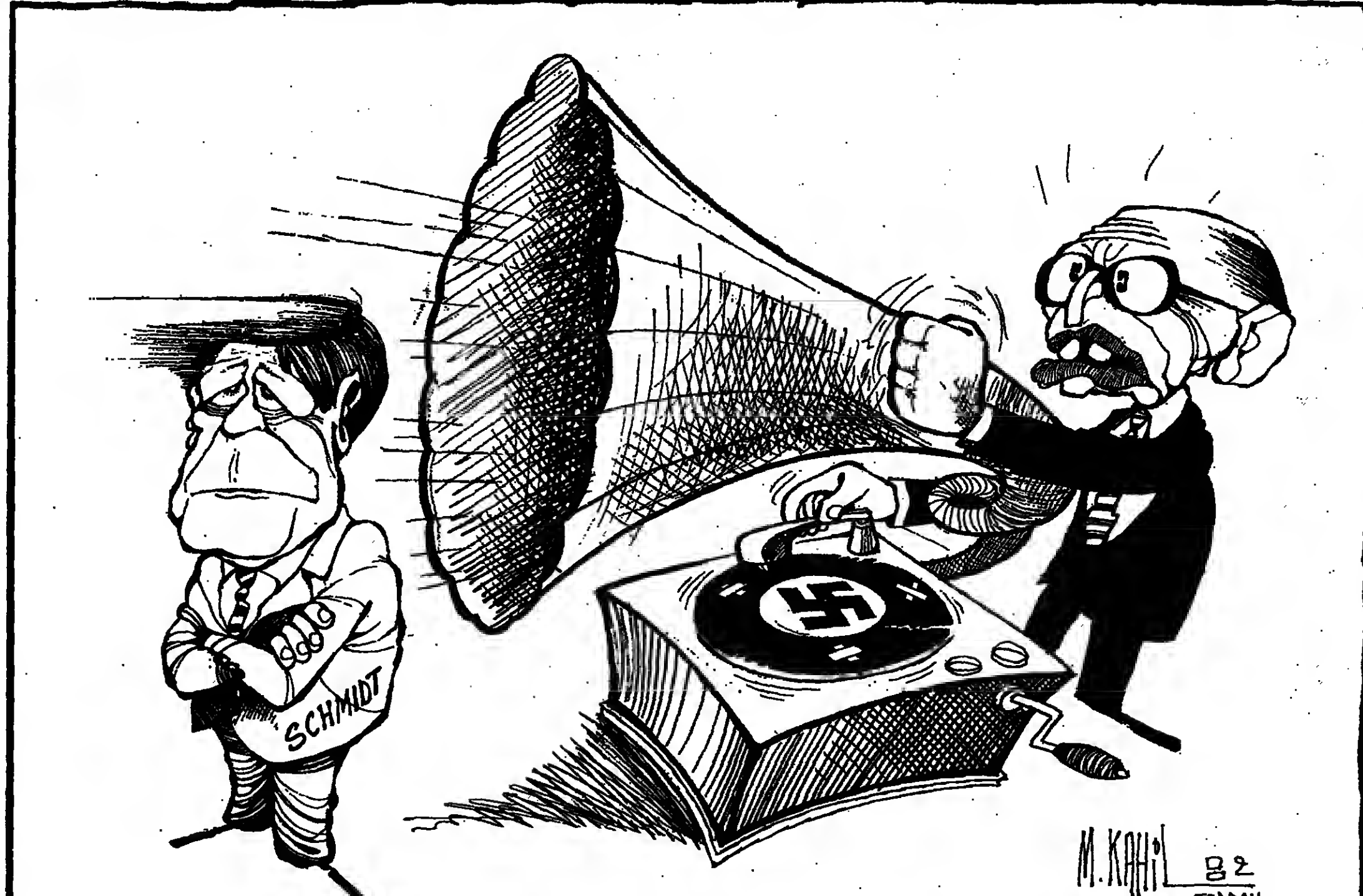
Referring to the arrival of U.S. special envoy in Beirut on the first leg of a Middle East tour amid mounting tension created by the Israeli threats, Okaz urged the American emissary to open an official dialogue with the PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat as a prelude for official U.S. recognition of the PLO as the sole representative

of the Palestinian people and as a guarantee for backing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

"A just solution to the Palestinian issue is the only way that will ensure a fair and comprehensive solution to the Mideast problem," it added. The paper warned Habib's failure to achieve a practical solution to the long-standing Arab-Israeli conflict would mean a painful setback for American-Arab relations.

Al-Riyadh called on the Arabs to reassess their relations with the United States and the West European countries for their hostile stance against Arab rights. "These states will go ahead with their biased support of the aggressive Zionists as long as they feel this policy will not affect their vital interests in the Arab world," the paper said.

Al-Madinah condemned the Soviet Union for its malicious crime of sending Qat'ar-shaped explosive publications to the Afghan Mujahideen fighters to force them into stopping their holy war against the Communist occupation of their Islamic country and against the Moscow-installed Kabul regime. (SPA)



United Nations agencies lack united stand

By Robert Little

Perhaps it is just another sign of the times, but why is it that for some strange reason of all the human institutions that are supposed to assist toward mutual understanding, the greatest disunity would seem to exist within those that were created with the intention to unite us?

For the purpose of this article I won't bother to make any reference to the disuniting forces that would seem to be forever at work in that towering glass slab of a building which dominates the shoreline of New York's grey East River — laughingly known as the United Nations itself. Nor will I make any mention of the trials and tribulations that go on in UNESCO, WHO, ILO, SEATO or FAO, to mention but a few of the better known acronyms.

This short piece is concerned with the fortunes (if such you could call them) of one of the not so well known U.N. agencies, or at least part of it; the commodity division of UNCTAD — the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, based in Geneva.

Not long ago the corridors of this extremely important body used to ring with the cries of exotic proposals such as an "integrated program for commodities" and calls for a "common fund." These days the place has taken on an atmosphere of mourning as the accredited diplomats dream up their individual obituaries for both the fund and the idea of any integrated program. The full scope of the crisis has begun to emerge clearer over the last few weeks, which have seen in quick succession yet another abortive session on a preparatory commis-

sion aimed at finalizing the fund's operations. An attempt last week by the UNCTAD secretariat to break the West's grip on the marketing, processing and transport of commodities — which was immediately bowled down by the Western delegates — went the same way as an UNCTAD proposal to compensate commodity exporters (mainly Third World countries) for the regular shortfalls in their earnings. This too was promptly dismissed by the West, seeing their control of the commodity markets in jeopardy, as an encroachment on the authority of the International Monetary Fund.

Of the above three issues, none is more scandalous than the present state of the \$400 million common fund. For five years and through countless meetings the North-South dialogue was held hostage to this pawn. To be implemented it requires ratification by 90 states representing two-thirds of the capital. The first deadline for this is March 31, but to date it has only been ratified by 21 states, representing 21½ percent of its capital.

Of these seven ratifications have come from the West and three more are expected once Belgium, Ireland and the Netherlands have decided what form of governments they want. Oddly, this represents a considerable commitment to the fund by the countries which once were its strongest critics. Yet ironically this support has not been matched by the fund's champions from the Third World. Only Haiti has ratified from Latin America, four from Africa and seven from Asia and China.

Why this is no one knows for sure, but UNCTAD officials have looked on in dismay as Brazil and

Argentina have, in the despairing words of one, "stalled and stalled again" at the preparatory committee meetings. The main assumption is that "they have done their sums" and discovered that countries which contribute directly to the fund will get 10 times more votes on the fund's governing council for each dollar than those which contribute indirectly by participating in individual commodity agreements that have been found not to be worth the effort.

The effect of these conditions is that they penalize the major producers, who will play an important role in individual agreements but with only give relatively small amounts to the fund directly. For example Brazil will contribute \$4.5 million to the fund directly, but will receive less than 1 percent of the 104,000 votes on the fund's council. By contrast, the United States for instance, would (if it joined) receive 11.4 percent of the votes for this contribution of \$4 million.

But that is not the only problem. Along with this there has been a series of dogfights surrounding the individual commodity agreements which would expect to join the fund. So far there are agreements on cocoa, tin, rubber, sugar, and coffee. Discussions are taking place on tea, hard fibers and jute. Though this may sound very impressive, all are in deep trouble.

Nor can it be concealed that these problems arise in large part because of the Reagan administration's innate suspicion of anything that may interrupt their cherished "free market forces."

For example the cocoa agreement came into force on Oct. 1, and the manager of the buffer stock immediately started buying up cocoa. Then he dis-

covered that the money available (\$220 million) was insufficient to halt the slump in price. Now he is the absolutely ridiculous position of theoretically defending a price of \$1.04 a pound while the real market price fluctuates around 85 cents.

A similar problem (but for the opposite reasons) applies to the tin agreement, which is due to run until June 30. The actual market price is at present way above the ceiling price in the agreement, but the buffer stock manager can do nothing about it because he has no tin to sell — partly due to large and mysterious purchases on the metal exchanges.

The tragedy of this kind of situation is that all three of UNCTAD's current preoccupations in the field of commodities remain relevant and important. The Third World producers' terms of trade have deteriorated alarmingly, and their lack of control over commodity transport, processing and marketing is, to say the least, gravely unjust. What we have is the traditional dichotomy of interests between the wealthy Western nations and those of the underdeveloped part of the world who are trying to achieve some small measure of justice for their deprived peoples. This is a valid crusade for any country interested in the future of the Third World. UNCTAD has been shown to have less and less control over events.

The disappointment caused by the failure of the common fund to get its house in order, which was intended to bring some kind of balance between the poorer and more prosperous parts of the world, is just one further example of the failure of mankind to put its house in order.

IRA guerrillas beset by a string of setbacks

By Ed Blanche

DUBLIN, Ireland — Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas have suffered a string of setbacks in recent weeks, thus losing the ground gained last year during a seven-month hunger strike by convicted nationalists in Northern Ireland's Maze prison. Security authorities on both sides of the Irish border say the guerrillas have been hit hard by a wave of arrests, by informers in their ranks and political reverses.

IRA violence in British-ruled Northern Ireland dropped sharply in January, "the quietest month in a long time," said Royal Ulster Constabulary police spokesman Dave Hanna. But he said the guerrillas are still active and are probably preparing a fresh campaign to restore their credibility, particularly among Irish-American backers.

Nearly 100 suspected guerrillas of the IRA's Provisional wing and of the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), a leftist faction, have been arrested in Northern Ireland since November, mainly because of informers in their ranks. Hanna said 50 have been charged with serious terrorist crimes ranging from murder to illegal possession of firearms.

The arrests have hit INLA, the smaller organization, harder than the Provisional wing. The alarm caused by informers apparently has forced the guerrillas to curb their activities while they purge their ranks. The two groups have admitted killing at least

seven alleged informers in the last 14 months. The almost exclusively Roman Catholic organizations are fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and unite the Protestant-dominated province with the mostly Catholic Irish Republic to end 60 years of partition.

In another IRA reversal, the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation has smashed what it claims was a key Provisional operation running guns from New York to Ireland.

Security officials in Ireland say it is one of the most important breaks in 12 1-2 years of sectarian and political violence in Ireland. Five Irish-Americans are on trial in Buffalo, New York, on arms smuggling charges. The governments say blocking the gun-running pipeline will give them "a temporary respite."

In the republic, a police anti-terrorist task force has made inroads against the IRA by seizing large quantities of explosives, weapons and a munition in border dumps. Last week, in the republic's general election, none of the seven candidates put up by Provisional Sinn Fein, the Provos' political front, was elected. The party lost both seats won by jailed nationalists last June at the height of the hunger strike at Maze prison.

Provisional Sinn Fein split in 1970 from Sinn Fein the Workers Party (SWFP), a Marxist group. The two wings are bitter rivals today. SWFP, which denounced the use of violence in 1972, won three seats in the inconclusive election and could wind up

holding the balance of power in the republic's parliament.

The collapse of the Provo vote — down 50 percent from last June — was interpreted by some analysts here as a rejection by voters of the IRA's bloody unification campaign. Jim Kemmy, an independent Socialist in parliament, observed, "The failure of Provisional Sinn Fein at the ballot box was a massive thumbs down to extreme nationalism by the electorate."

The extremists' success last June stemmed from widespread sympathy, particularly in border areas, for the convicted guerrillas who sought political prisoner status. Ten inmates starved themselves to death before the fast was called off Oct. 3. Britain conceded some reforms but no political status.

Provisional Sinn Fein, contesting an election for the first time under its own banner, lacked emotional momentum this time, even though two of its candidates were in British prisons. Its president, David O'Connell, the former Provisional chief of staff, voiced disappointment with the result but said the nationalist movement will "contest elections in both parts of Ireland in the future."

He blamed the poor showing in part on a Dublin government ban on Sinn Fein access to the state-run RTE television and radio network. The ban was imposed on the grounds Sinn Fein supported a subversive organization.

"We were the only party excluded from the media, and the consequence of fighting a legal battle against the government resulted in a crucial

Shahi's exit brings Pakistan closer to U.S.

By Jamal Rasheed

LONDON — The resignation recently of Pakistan's long-serving Foreign Minister Agha Shahi, and his replacement by Lt. Gen. Muhammad Yahya Khan brings Pakistan's foreign policy closer to Washington.

Shahi was in the news last month when he visited New Delhi to break the ice in the long-standing feud between India and Pakistan. Significantly he was accompanied by Yahya, who was specially flown out to Islamabad from his post as ambassador in Paris.

Yahya, a confidant of President Zia ul-Haq, is known as a hard-line pro-American. Shahi, on the other hand, expressed reservations six months ago when the \$3.2 billion American aid package to Pakistan was being negotiated with Washington.

Shahi had always tried to keep a door open to Moscow and maintain some dialogue, no matter how slight, on the question of Afghanistan. Pakis-

tan's growing ties with Washington have reduced the chances of any real dialogue with the Kabul government of Babrak Karmal or Moscow about the return of 2.5 million Afghan refugees, who are now in Pakistan.

There has always been a strong lobby in Pakistan's foreign service and the civilian bureaucracy who say that a neutral stance between the superpowers would benefit Pakistan more than taking sides in the new cold war. Shahi usually sided with this lobby but has also gone along with those who favor closer ties with Washington.

He had been in the hot seat of Pakistan's foreign service for more than 20 years and loyally served the military regimes of Ayub Khan, Yahya Khan and Zia. He was also foreign minister during the more flamboyant civilian rule of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Shahi rates with Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet foreign minister, for longevity in the diplomatic world. No future foreign minister of Pakistan can ever hope to have either Shahi's experience or his

worldwide net of contacts.

Officially, Pakistani spokesmen have said that Shahi's health is not good and that he has retired. However, a full medical checkup in New York recently pronounced him well.

Yahya has been a long time favorite of right-wing republican elements within the Reagan administration. He is a close friend of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and fully endorses Haig's concept of "a strategic consensus" to block the Soviet Union.

A member of a former princely family in India, he speaks 10 languages, is well educated and reputed to be the most articulate of the generals who surrounded President Zia. After retiring from the army he served as ambassador in Moscow and Washington as well as Paris.

As Pakistan's foreign policy becomes more closely linked with Washington, the appointment of the military-minded Yahya will bring Washington and Islamabad even closer together. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 28th, the 59th day of 1982. There are 306 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:
1594 — British Royal physician Roger Lopez is arrested for alleged conspiracy to poison Queen Elizabeth I.

1813 — Prussia agrees, in alliance with Russia, to conduct joint campaign in Saxony and Silesia against Napoleon Bonaparte and Confederation of the Rhine.

1877 — Peace treaty between Turkey and Serbia is signed.

1911 — Australia's Premier Andrew Fisher announces plans to nationalize monopolies.

1920 — Hungarian constitution is adopted.

1933 — Nazi decree suppresses civil liberties in Germany.

1942 — Japanese forces land in Java, Indonesia, in World War II.

1953 — Treaty of friendship between Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia is signed.

1956 — India and Indonesia sign mutual aid treaty.

1974 — The United States and Egypt re-establish diplomatic relations after seven-year breach.

1980 — Colombian guerrillas holding about 60 people hostage at Dominican Republic Embassy in Bogota say they are ready for lengthy siege unless government meets their demands.

1981 — China's leadership announces new austerity program, including sharp cutbacks in government spending.

Thought for today:
A cheerful friend is like a sunny day spreading brightness all around — Sir John Lubbock, English astronomer (1803-1865).

'Computer snoopers' worry British, legislation proposed to stop them

By Alison Maitland

LONDON, (R)—The British government has moved to stamp out "computer snoopers" after millions of people read all about a politician's finances and private life in their daily newspaper.

The *London Sun*, best known for its scandals, paid a firm of private detectives 500 sterling (\$900) to search confidential computer files on left-wing labor member of parliament Michael Meacher.

The paper said it chose Meacher because he was trying to push a bill through parliament to end the snooping. Fortunately for Meacher, he emerged from the investigation unblemished on every count. There were no debts, no extra-marital affairs and no criminal record.

But the dossier prompted a swift government response.

"We do regard this legislation as urgent," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told parliament.

Two days later deputy Interior Minister Timothy Rairon outlined plans for a voluntary code of practice to govern data banks and an independent team to investigate complaints.

Rairon said anyone with a computer bank would be obliged to register and it might be made a criminal offense to disclose information to unauthorized people.

The proposals met with scepticism for civil rights groups who have campaigned for data protection for 10 years. Sweden introduced privacy laws more than a decade ago and the United States, West Germany, France and other nations have followed. Britain signed a European convention on data protection last year but cannot ratify it without legislation.

"Britain is one of the few West European countries that doesn't have a law," says Patricia Hewitt, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties.

"The government have committed themselves in principle but there's no pledge on the timing."

Miss Hewitt wants the government to act immediately by backing the tougher bill proposed by Meacher.

"Complaints are just the tip of the iceberg," he said. "We need a body that can initiate investigations and walk into companies and government departments and make spot checks."

There are thousands of private and government data banks, some maintain computerized information on everything from marital problems and intelligence to a person's credit rating, political sympathies or job record, says Miss Hewitt.

The police have files on over half the adult population, and some contain details of participation in non-subversive political activities such as anti-nuclear or anti-apartheid demonstrations, she says.

Criminal records and social services files are strictly confidential but anyone who can imitate authority or knows the right telephone numbers — such as ex-policemen or private detectives with friendly police contacts — could obtain them.

Moreover, she says, information is frequently inaccurate and the individual concerned is unlikely to be able to correct it.

In one case a farmer convicted of a minor motoring offense was hauled from driving for two years because computerized motoring records showed he had 61 previous convictions.

In fact, said Miss Hewitt, he had only one

and the vehicle licensing center had confused him with someone else. But the magistrates did not believe him and it took nearly two years to have the ban quashed in the courts.

The civil rights campaign for data protection laws has had an unlikely ally in businessmen, who fear they are losing contracts because foreign governments and multi-national companies do not trust Britain with confidential information.

The government treats this threat seriously. "Breaches of personal privacy are likely to be rare," Rairon told a conference on information technology. "Yet the potential damage to trade in the event of restrictions and embargoes being placed on the transfer of data to and from this country could be very great."

The medical profession, which regards confidentiality as an unbreakable principle is also in the fore front of the campaign for a data protection law.

The British Medical Association (BMA), which represents most of Britain's doctors, has refused to cooperate with a government project to gather the names, addresses and medical details of every child in the country from conception to school age.

The idea, to detect children's problems at an early stage is laudable, says Dr. John Dawson, head of the BMA's professional, scientific and international affairs committee.

But as things stand there would be very few restrictions on who would have access to the information, he says. Nor does the proposed legislation go far enough, he feels. "We're still worried about the lack of a proper code of practice... We want to be sure that the registrar who is appointed has teeth to do the job properly," Dr. Dawson said. "We'll believe it when it happens."

Chasing winter doldrums

Exotic, endangered animal studies include nocturnal coming and going

By Madeleine Jacobs

FRONT ROYAL, Va. (SNS) — Long before spring makes its official debut in this sleepy valley of the Blue Ridge Mountains, some of the male inhabitants of lower Posey Hollow are shaking off the winter doldrums and getting a head start on the season.

On a typical day in late February or early March, it is not at all unusual to find young and old males alike departing their homes shortly after sunset. They spend the night eating and cruising around until all hours.

Sometimes, according to John Seidensticker and his friends, who have spent many hours observing these nocturnal comings and goings, the residents don't return home at all, choosing to spend the next day in the company of friendly female denizens. Need we say more?

Well, actually yes, for lest we offend your sensibility, we hasten to add that the gentlemen in question are merely the local raccoons doing what comes naturally.

And, as for John Seidensticker and his colleagues, watching what comes naturally is not a form of voyeurism; it is part of a two-year-old study of native wildlife being carried out here in Front Royal at the Smithsonian's Conservation and Research Center, a National Zoological Park facility for the breeding and study of exotic and endangered animals.

In formal terms, the study is aimed at learning more about the "behavioral ecology and population dynamics" of the native wildlife inhabiting the center's 3,086 acres and coexisting with its 70 species of exotic animals, ranging from Bactrian camels to zebras.

"In practical terms," the Smithsonian's Seidensticker, a Ph.D. ecologist, says, "we want to know exactly what happens to the native animals on the center's grounds — what they eat, where they go, how quickly they grow, how often they breed, what kills them and how they interact with each other and with the exotic species."

"And because the conservation center is, in essence, a 4.8-square-mile 'island' in a sea of spreading urbanization with two million people in the nearby area and only 80 miles from Washington, D.C., we want to know how these animals interact with man."

Many old familiar friends are under study, including raccoons, opossums, striped skunks and white-tailed deer, as well as bobcats, black bears and small rodents such as mice and squirrels.

For 10 days each month, biologist Greg Sanders sets out more than three dozen "live" traps each evening — the animals are normally active at night — in the area known as Posey Hollow, a mixture of streams, grasslands, forest and abandoned agricultural fields broken occasionally by old fence lines and dirt roads. The next morning — rain, snow or shine — he checks the traps and brings the unharmed animals back to his laboratory.

On a good day, Sanders has been rewarded with as many as three female opossums, each with a pouch full of young, and four male raccoons. On a bad day, the yield might be two box turtles. "Fortunately," the 26-year-old Sanders says, "there are many more good days than bad ones."

Back in the laboratory, Sanders anesthetizes the animals, weighs and measures them, determines their sex and age, checks for parasites and tooth wear and puts ear identification tags on the newly caught animals. Many animals are caught again and again, becoming sort of old friends to the researchers.

A key part of the study involves attaching radio collars to the animals. Each animal is assigned a different radio frequency; the emitted signals enable the scientists to follow each creature's whereabouts — its home range and territory — as well as its behavior, especially its nightly perambulations.

The radio-tracking investigations have also proved helpful in training scientists from India and Europe to use these sophisticated techniques for studying native and endangered animals in their own countries and else-

here in the world.

To date, more than 360 animals have received ear tags; 62 of these have received radio collars. Out of the reams of data already collected, some surprising patterns are emerging, some in conflict with the generally accepted behavior of these animals.

Posey Hollow male raccoons, for instance, differ considerably from their relations in the northern United States. In the north, the animals spend the winters largely in their dens, not really in a state of hibernation, but living off the fat they've stored during autumn eating binges.

"But here," Seidensticker says, "we find that only the adult females follow this pattern. Our adult males and young raccoons are active all winter. With any break in freezing weather, they are out all night. One 4-year-old male, number 18, for example, spent nearly 12 hours one winter night foraging and probably laying scent trails. He covered two miles and nearly 170 acres before returning to a den tree 1,500 feet away from where he started out."

Another surprising finding is that many of the Posey Hollow opossums weaned late in summer in second litters do well, sometimes better than first litter babies weaned in May or June. This is in contrast to patterns obser-

ved elsewhere and appears to be related to the abundance of berries, grapes, persimmons and apples available to second litters born at Front Royal.

"What is universally true with all the wildlife here," Sanders notes, "is that things don't change gradually. They change in a big hurry — the differences in seasons are dramatic. I may not catch a skunk for five months. Then all of a sudden in February during the breeding season, I'll catch 11 skunks, all males, in 10 days. And animals come and go in this area quickly. Our opossums are constantly on the move. Very few seem to have home ranges; they really cruise."

Seidensticker, intends to monitor these changes for a number of years. "Ultimately," he says, "we'll document the dynamics of the structure of this native wildlife community and determine the rules that govern it. Then we can compare it with communities elsewhere in the United States and the tropics."

The data gathered are also immensely practical, "central to the concept of managing a conservation center," Sanders says. "If we're expanding an area, say to make room for more Pere David's or Eld's deer, we don't want to do anything harmful to our native populations while we accommodate the more exotic species."



TAGGING A RACCOON: An ear tag is placed on a raccoon by Greg Sanders to identify it. The next step after this is the installation of a tiny radio transmitter and then the animal is released.



COMMONS RAID: Red Indians were recently on the war path at Westminster where they were appealing to MPs to back them in a fight for their rights. The Indians fear they are endangered by a Canada Bill which gives Canada the right to control and change its constitutions. The Indians claim its Charter of Rights breaks a treaty agreed upon between their tribes and the British.

Smuggling is rampant

Criticism, Moi's threats are causing insecure feelings of Asians in Kenya

By Bernd Debusmann

NAIROBI (R) — Prosperous, hardworking and unloved, Kenya's Asian community has fallen victim to its own success. Although they account for less than one percent of Kenya's 17 million population, Asians are estimated to control roughly a quarter of the entire gross domestic product of around four billion dollars a year.

"We are doing well, we are making money, we are successful," said a young businessman whose family came to Kenya from India at the turn of the century. "But none of us feel really at home here, none of us feel secure."

Idi Amin's wholesale expulsion of the flourishing Asian community from Uganda 10 years ago is still fresh in the community's memory. And its sense of insecurity was deepened by a stinging attack on Kenyan Asians by President Daniel Arap Moi on Feb. 7.

"Instead of Asians using their advanced knowledge in business to help Africans improve their profit margins," he said, "Asians in this country are hurting the economy by smuggling currency out and even hoarding essential goods and selling them through the back door."

In Kenya, the term "Asian" denotes people from the Indian subcontinent, many of them descendants of the 20,000 Indians brought to Kenya by the British colonialists between 1895 and 1902 to build a railway line from the Indian Ocean to the shore of Lake Victoria.

"From now on, anybody found hoarding or smuggling will be punished severely," President Moi said. "If he is an Asian, he will be deported immediately, regardless of whether he is a (Kenyan) citizen or not, if he is Kenyan African he will have his license canceled."

Estimates of the size of the Asian community here vary widely, from 79,000 to around 148,000. More than 45,000 Asians hold Kenyan passports and would have to be formally stripped of their citizenship if they are

subject to deportation.

It is by far the largest Asian community on the African continent outside South Africa, where the number of Indians is estimated at around 800,000 in small communities, mostly engaged in trading, exist in Nigeria, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania.

World diplomats in Nairobi say they feel the president's attack on Asians was more bark than bite, aimed chiefly at singling out a scapegoat for Kenya's deteriorating economy.

The Asians are a convenient target. They control more than 90 percent of the retail trade — the most visible part of the economy — and Africans tend to blame periodic shortages of essential goods and high prices on the Indian trader.

In private conversations, Asian merchants admit that many members of the community contravene Kenya's tight foreign currency regulations to move their profits abroad, mostly to Britain, Canada and the United States.

According to one informed Western estimate, around 80 percent of the total income generated by the Asian community here was moved to hard-currency countries in the late 1970s.

The percentage had never dropped below 50 percent since Kenya gained independence in 1963, the source said.

Some of the money is shipped out hidden in suitcases. After Moi's speech, officials at Nairobi International Airport arrested a Kenyan Asian trying to smuggle out \$30,000 in a money assortment of currencies from sterling and douchmarks to Swedish crowns.

Economists say larger sums are being moved out through complicated banking arrangements or fraudulent invoicing of goods shipped to and from industrialized countries.

They add that such deals would be impossible without the collaboration or connivance of Africans in senior government positions.

"To put it bluntly, almost all of us are here

for one reason only — to make money," said the businessman. "Not many think there is a long-term future for us in this country, so the money is shipped out. And the less secure we feel, the more goes out."

"If you had the money which left Kenya since the Moi speech, you could go on rather a long holiday."

From a peak of more than 200,000 at independence, the Asian community has shrunk to its present size through two major waves of emigration.

The first was in 1966 and 1967 when Asians were given the choice between British and Kenyan nationality, the second came after Asians were driven from neighboring Uganda.

In the case of Uganda, family ties extended across the border, while the move turned Idi Amin into a hero at home with African man-in-the-street reaction throughout East Africa wholly in favor.

According to a Western study, an annual average of 600 families left Kenya and settled in Britain over the past five or six years, with another 350 leaving for Canada and around 200 to the United States.

One Third World ambassador said: "What you have left here now is an affluent, middle class community highly-educated, highly-skilled and extremely hard-working. I hear there are a few poor Asians around but I have yet to meet one. African resentment of the Asian minority centers on its affluence, often highlighted by ostentatious symbols of wealth such as limousines and sprawling estates, and on a feeling that the community remains aloof."

But there are other reasons, some rooted in colonial history. Under British rule, Asians could not own land in the fertile "white highland" but were free to engage in trade and occupied middle-level positions in the colonial administration, effectively forming a buffer between black and white.

Bombed buses litter San Salvador; guerrillas pressure drivers to quit

By Joan Ambrose-Newton

SAN SALVADOR, (R) — It is becoming difficult to get a bus in San Salvador these days. With drivers refusing to drive at night and one bus in five out of action, only 60 percent of services are still running.

Buses, both in the cities and on the national routes, are a prime target for left-wing guerrillas trying to overthrow the civilian-military government.

The Salvadorean Bus Owners Association (AEAS) says 903 buses from a total fleet of 5,400 have been put out of action since the violence began in October 1979, more than 50 of them in the past two weeks. They have not been replaced.

"It will be years before the damaged buses are repaired and some of them are beyond repair," one AEAS member, who asked not to be named, said. The government had no funds to spare, he added.

The guerrillas strike with apparent impunity. On lonely stretches of the main highways, armed men and women flag down the buses, order passengers out and set the vehicles on fire, often blocking the road in the bargain.

In the cities, where the risks for attackers are slightly higher but the propaganda effect greater, armed guerrillas order the passengers off the buses and plant bombs, near the front to do as much damage to the engine as possible.

Seconds later, the attackers are gone and the buses reduced to smoldering wrecks. The passengers, usually unhurt and resigned to the disruption of their travel plans, pick their way over the strewn glass and twisted metal to wait for another bus.

On Feb. 18, as dusk fell, five blasts in the space of 10 minutes shook central San Salvador, leaving five wrecked buses within a few blocks of each other.

Passers-by showed more interest in the foreign television crews hurrying to the scene than in the buses themselves. The same day, two more buses were wrecked in a suburb of the city.

The guerrillas, seeking to disrupt El Salva-

dor's economy, have also stepped up pressure on drivers on inter-city routes, threatening them with physical violence if they continue running the services.

"The guerrillas told us that if we continue to drive along the pan-American highway after March 1, we'll get our hands chopped off," one driver-owner said after the rebels had stopped him east of San Salvador.

The government has called elections for a constituent assembly for March 28, but the guerrillas are boycotting the poll and doing their best to disrupt the elections.

Earlier this month, drivers hauled all driving after dark, adding yet another obstacle to night-life in El Salvador.

On Feb. 19, the day after the latest series of

attacks in the capital, more than 400 owners and drivers met in a San Salvador hotel to discuss what to do.

An AEAS spokesman said after the meeting the owners were threatening to call a national stoppage unless the government compensated them for the damage caused and provided sufficient security.

The owners, who have an obligation under Salvadoran law to run a service on the lines for which they have the franchise, say the government is unsympathetic to their plight. "It's like a sandwich," said one owner. "The guerrillas on the left, the government on the right, and we stand in the middle."

Many drivers say they are afraid to continue their services even though they will lose work and the public will be inconvenienced.

Venice city council plans pigeon control by jackdaws

By George Armstrong

ROME (G) — Venice's city council plans to import jackdaws as part of a plan for a "natural" way to control the pigeons in St. Marks Square and other places in the lagoon city.

According to the city councilman for ecological affairs, Gaetano Zorzetto, bringing in jackdaws should eliminate the present "barbaric" methods in the city's war against the pigeon. Venice has a contract with a man in Piedmont (which is along the Italian frontier with France) allowing him to capture the St. Marks pigeons by netting. But many of the birds are injured in that process. He pays Venice the sum equal to eleven pence for each pigeon he captures, and last autumn he bagged 10,000 of the estimated total 200,000 pigeon population in Venice. They were transported by truck to Piedmont.

The contract specifies only that the pigeons are not to be used by any of the many shooting ranges where live pigeons (often with wings clipped) are used as flying targets. The Piedmontese chapter of the Animal Protection Society, in Turin, has advised the

Venice authorities that it has good reason to suspect that the St. Marks pigeons are indeed used in the private shooting ranges.

Zorzetto holds the opinion that jackdaws feed on pigeon eggs and even on the young pigeons. The jackdaw, a member of the crow family, is usually considered a good devourer of insects, and is known to be capable of building a nest of twigs up to 12 feet high. Even if the imported daws do not decimate the pigeon population, they could, with their nests, alter the site of St. Marks square.

The pigeons are in that square, called "Europe's living-room", because there are always two vendors of corn on duty there. Small children or adults like to pose for snapshots and with a dozen or so of the over-weight pigeons on their shoulders, arms, head, and eating the corn out of their hands. Other than being an occasional hazard to pedestrians because they are low fliers, the pigeons droppings eventually can corrode the bronze and marble monuments in the square. Eliminating the corn vendors might not be true ecology, but it could encourage the younger birds to migrate elsewhere.

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Judge considering merit of case

Sheepmen again challenge N-test effects, sue U.S.

By Bill Curry
CEDAR CITY, Utah, (LAT) — As a younger man tending his sheep on a Nevada winter grazing range, Kern Bulloch would sit on his horse, a leg crooked over the saddle horn, and watch the early morning sky set ablaze by the frequent testing of atomic bombs not far away.

Now 56, Bulloch tells of the morning in 1953 when a dusty cloud of fallout from the test area descended on him and his sheep. That was the only time he knows of that he got caught in such radiation, he says, but the sheep foraged for months on the rice grass and sagebrush and they took moisture from the snow — and all of it was repeatedly doused with fallout.

So it was only natural for Bulloch, his brother and father to blame the fallout for the mysterious lesions that eventually appeared that year on the mouths, ears and noses of the sheep, and for the inexplicable white spots on the backs of the black ones. In the spring, the lambs were born listless, undersized, bare of wool and unable even to stand and suckle.

They hauled the dead off by the truckload. The Bullochs were among 11 stockmen who worked sheep range in various locations east of the testing ground and who lost thousands of sheep that spring. They sued the government for compensation. But the government experts ridiculed the claims and testified in court that radiation was not to blame. The sheepmen lost.

Now, nearly 30 years later — motivated by financial and personal losses, by an unshaken belief that an injustice should be righted no matter how long it takes and by memories of the ridicule heaped on them then — they are back in court.

But on their side this time they have a congressional investigation concluding that fallout "more likely than not" killed the sheep and that the government "knowingly disregarded and suppressed evidence" linking the sheep deaths with the fallout. The investigation was made in 1979 by the subcommittee on interstate and foreign commerce.

"It isn't a bunch of crackpots trying to sue

the government just to get some money," says Bulloch, who was \$73,000 in debt as recently as 1980 because of the 1853 sheep-kill. "It's people that had to sell out a family operation to try to keep going what they had all their lives."

"We hope justice is done," says Ellis Lambeth, 66, whose livestock operation he ran with his brother collapsed as a result of the 1953 damage. "Nobody had any proof. The government had it all and they covered it up. What I care about is seeing justice, and so far I haven't seen any of it. Now we hope to salvage something."

"It put us out of business. We're still hurting — and we're not as well off as we would have been. We had to get rid of a lot — our Nevada ranch, our lambing range, part of our summer range and all the sheep."

Says his brother Keith, 71: "We liquidated our future."

It was the past that was at issue, however, recently in a federal courtroom in Salt Lake City. There the same lawyer who represented the sheepmen more than a quarter of a cen-

ury ago, Dan Bushnell, declared to the same judge who tried the case, Sherman Christensen, that the U.S. government committed fraud in 1956 when it disclaimed responsibility for the sheep deaths.

Evidence uncovered over recent years by Bushnell, the congressional investigation and disclosures obtained under the Freedom of Information Act have cast increasing doubt on how safely the old Atomic Energy Commission carried out 323 above-ground nuclear tests at the Nevada proving grounds from 1953 to 1963. Documents indicate that studies linking test fallout to human health problems and the sheep deaths were dismissed, discredited or suppressed.

In one sworn statement made in the course of the sheepmen's 1956 trial, for example, the government said: "We do not know of anyone connected with the AEC's investigation of the alleged sheep losses who has now concluded that radioactive fallout was a possible or probable cause of the injury to the sheep."

Yet at the same time, according to one of the government's own affidavits, the Atomic Energy Commission was trying to dissuade its own researchers who had linked fallout to the sheep deaths.

"Don't you think," a dismayed judge Christensen asked a government lawyer during a hearing this month, "if I had been told that, I might have ruled differently (in 1956)? It would have put an entirely different light on it. Was that failure the result of a fraud on the court or an accident, an inadvertent failure?"

Moreover, the AEC had conducted tests since 1949 on the effects of fallout on sheep, and the results — withheld until after the trial — in many cases showed that its test sheep had sustained the same injuries as those in the suit. "At birth," a study of the AEC's sheep concluded, "only one of six lambs born was able to stand and nurse unassisted...others were weak, showed a stupid and lethargic attitude..."

The sheepmen's suit against the government can be re-opened only if Christensen finds fraud, a deliberate government effort to deceive the judge. It may take months for him to rule. The government has denied any misconduct.

The sheepmen had long ago given up hope for a new day in court, even though they never gave up the belief that fallout killed their sheep. Older sheepmen have died, and their sons and daughters and widows have inherited their reduced holdings, their debts — and their outrage.

Although the sheepmen here tended their flocks 24 hours a day throughout the winter of 1953 and hauled supplemental feed and water to them in the remote Nevada grazing ranges, the official government explanation blamed malnutrition and disease for the deaths. None of the sheepmen, however, has ever seen anything like it before. Or since.

Another Look

Cassettes for cover up

By Robert Yoakum

"Husbands — or wives — who have trouble convincing their spouses that they've been 'delayed at office' or who use other equally timeworn excuses for staying out late can now buy themselves back-up support. A company in West Germany has released a tape cassette titled 'Telephone Alibi' containing authentic background noises that can lend credibility to a dozen different excuses. The recording includes the sounds of subways, airports, railway stations, busy streets, and, of course, the clacking of office typewriters." — *Psychology Today* magazine.

Bill has already been at Tammy's apartment for a half hour and says, "I'd better call home." He dials.

"Hello, dear, this is Bill."

"Where are you? That sounded like an airplane taking off."

"Uh, yeah, it sure did, didn't it? I must have put the wrong...! Uh, you see, there's this machine that just went by. The office window's open. Sort of a dump truck. Darndest thing — sounded like a jet plane. Let me change this...I mean, let me close this window."

"And I heard someone announcing departures."

"Departures? What kind of departures?"

"I couldn't make them out."

"Must have been a crossed wire. Hey, I'm having a hard time hearing you! Let me close that window. I'll call right back."

Bill hangs up, curses, and says to Tammy, "I got the wrong hand on the cassette. I have to call back." She smiles. He dials.

"Hi, dear. Is that better?"

"I guess so. I don't understand —"

"OK, Say, I'm going to be a little late tonight. Something came up about the Henderson account and I have to clear it up before morning."

"I thought your building was air-conditioned."

"It is. Why?"

"Then the windows don't open."

Oh, you mean about that noise? Right.

Well, this one window opens. In case of an emergency, I guess. Anyway, I won't be very late. Only three or four hours."

"All right. Say, there sure are a lot of people working after five this evening."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean the clacking of typewriters makes it sound like CBS Election Headquarters...Bill? Are you still there?"

"Yeah. Yeah. You're right. I was just wondering myself why...Uh, I guess it's some other rush job. Well, I'll call before I leave."

"No. Call in an hour, please. I want you to tell Jimmy to start his home work at seven sharp. He isn't here now."

"Uh, OK. Goodbye."

Exactly one hour later Bill sets the cassette for "Street Sounds" and dials his home.

"Hi, dear. I decided to get a bite to eat so I'm on my way to — oh, oh..." He clasps his hand over the mouthpiece and whispers urgently, "The thing is all screwed up! This is the bloody railroad station!" Tammy shrugs.

"On your way to what? You sound as though you're at the railroad station! Why would you go all the way to the station to eat?"

"Why? Why would I go all the way to the station to eat? Why? Uh, because I changed my mind, that's why. I'm coming home."

"Fine! Say, those announcements sound as though they're in German!"

"Lousy p.a. system! Can't understand a thing. So, let's see now. I'll be on the eight-forty."

"Why the eight-forty? You can catch the seven-twenty easily."

"I can't make it."

"Why?"

"Why?"

"Yes, why?"

"Because..." Bill covers the speaker and desperately whispers, "Why?" to Tammy. She mouths the words, "Forgot papers."

"Forgot papers! I forgot the papers I need. Have to rush back to the office."

"Mmmmm. You've certainly had a confusing evening, haven't you, dear?"

"You can say that again! Well, I've got to rush now. Bye."

Within five minutes two things happen: Bill, having jumped up and down on the "Telephone Alibi" cassette, rushes out of Tammy's apartment for the station. And Bill's wife looks up the telephone number of a private detective.

Wednesday March 3:
Maritime life is like show business

PHYSICALLY LAZY? YOU MAY LIVE LONGER



By Peter J.
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Dear Dr. Steincrow: Are you still physically lazy? I'm a jogger. A friend tells me you're against jogging — and prefer walking as a more sensible exercise. What gives? — Mr. B.

Dear Mr. B.: Nothing gives. But if you had read my book, "How To Cure Your Joggermania" and one I wrote years ago called "How To Be Lazy, Healthy And Fit," you'd know that I am a proponent of studied laziness as against studied overexertion.

You can understand I feel buoyed when I learn of experiments that favor my view that exercise isn't essential for good health.

For example, here is a quote from *Family Health* magazine (3/30); material submitted in an article written by Carol Kahn:

"If you take a group of rats, deprive them of exercise and put them on a program of eating one day and fasting the next, the sedentary, semistarvation regimen actually prolongs their lives!"

"If you take another group and let them eat as much as they want, whenever they want, and see to it that they get plenty of exercise, they die younger than the nonexercised, half-starved rats — and lest you think that those semistarved rats have a weary, dreary, diseased, though prolonged old age, their keeper says they are an exceptionally active, healthy-looking, young-looking crew."

Of course, Mr. B., you'll need more evidence before you decide to hang up your jogging shoes. But it's interesting isn't it?

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrow: I'm tired of taking tranquilizers for my nervousness. I'm seeing someone regularly to try to develop a better philosophy of life. If I can be convinced that "worrying" is a needless nuisance, I know I'll feel better. — Mrs. Y.

Dear Mrs. Y.: A new philosophical attitude about life has helped many patients. Unfortunately, too many still depend upon pills rather than words to help them. Doctors have long recognized the need

for a good philosophy of life in the search for better health. Here, for example, is some wisdom offered 75 years ago in the *JAMA* by Hugh T. Patrick, M.D., called: "How Not To Be Nervous":

"To sum up, if you wish never to be nervous, live with reason, have a purpose in life and work for it, play joyously, strive not for the unattainable, never regret the unalterable, be not annoyed by trifles, aim to attain neither great knowledge nor great riches, but unlimited common sense, be not self-centered, but love the good and thy neighbor as thyself."

A good prescription, Mrs. Y.? Try swallowing this "pill" instead of leaning on tranquilizers.

For Mr. B.: Smokers are getting tired of all the warnings about the health hazards of smoking cigarettes. You're not the only one who complains.

But fortunately, doctors aren't getting tired of continuing investigations. A recent report in the *JAMA* confirms the strong relationship between smoking and coronary artery disease.

In a study project of close to 4,000 men (ages 35 to 65), Dr. Arthur J. Hartz of Medical College of Wisconsin, states that smoking adds nicotine stress to the heart. It increases blood pressure and heart rate.

Oxygen supply to the heart is decreased. In addition, carbon monoxide in the blood from smoking increases the risk of clots and raises the tendency to wild irregular beating.

And Dr. William B. Kannel of Boston University Medical Center declares that threats increase with the number of cigarettes smoked each day.

However, those who quit smoking have only half the risk of those who continue to smoke. In spite of what you say, Mr. B., you'll still have substantial benefits if you have the courage and tenacity to quit at this late date.

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By American, NATO forces

Maneuvers planned in Caribbean region

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — The United States is planning a major naval exercise in the Caribbean region this spring including a mock troop landing at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, according to defense officials. NATO is due to hold an exercise next month in the Gulf of Mexico and the Florida Straits.

Although officials would not link the exercises to any development in Cuba, they do reflect the administration's concern over what it calls increasing Soviet influence in Cuba and the area.

In a major speech Wednesday, President

Dozier returns to Italian base

VICENZA, Italy, Feb. 27 (R) — U.S. Gen. James Dozier arrived here Friday after home leave following his release last month from a 43-day kidnapping ordeal at the hands of Red Brigades guerrillas. Gen. Dozier will spend a few days on the joint U.S.-Italian base here before returning to work in Verona, an Army spokesman said.

A summary trial of about 20 suspected Red Brigades members, including the five arrested when Gen. Dozier was freed, is due to be held in Verona next month, judicial sources said. The summary trial, often held in Italy pending investigations of more serious crimes, will be on charges of kidnapping and illegal possession of firearms, which themselves carry heavy sentences.

The trial concerning Gen. Dozier's kidnapping and other Red Brigades activities, including charges of insurrection against the state, will be held in Milan at a later date, the sources said. Police arrested more than 150 suspected Red Brigades members after Gen. Dozier was freed.

Italians crack down on Brigades

MILAN, Feb. 27 (AFP) — Italian anti-terrorist police have arrested 23 persons here over the past few days after a two-month, anti-Red Brigades offensive, an informed source said Saturday.

The special police, called "Digos", cracked down on alleged members of the Walter Alasia Column, the toughest and most secret of the Red Brigades' units and the only one still intact since a wave of police arrests early this year.

Six of the arrested were alleged to be union members with important responsibilities in major factories here. Among them is Vita

Ronald Reagan vowed to oppose "brutal and totalitarian" communism in the Caribbean and unveiled a new trade and aid plan for the region. Western strategists consider the area's sea lanes vital for shipping supplies from the southern U.S. to Europe in case of war.

Officials said Friday night the Guantanamo Bay landing would be part of a broader exercise in the Caribbean code-named "Ocean Venture 82." It is set for April, and will be similar to a Caribbean exercise last summer which included about 120,000 troops, 250 ships and 1,000 aircraft.

The NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) exercise, starting on March 8, will include about 30 ships, 80 aircraft and 10,000 men from the United States, Canada, Britain, West Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. It will begin in the Gulf of Mexico and continue through the Florida Straits, ending at the U.S. naval base at Norfolk, Virginia, which is NATO's Atlantic Fleet headquarters.

Administration sources say a Soviet arms buildup in Cuba has reached the highest levels since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis and includes two squadrons of advanced MiG-23 fighters. They say the MiG-23s have sufficient range to pose a threat to Western shipping lanes. There have been published reports that the Russians are supplying Cuba with two additional squadrons of 12 planes each, but these have not been confirmed.

In Bogota, Adm. Harry Train, U.S. Navy Atlantic commander in chief, said Friday that neither Cuba nor any Caribbean country was the object of NATO's forthcoming maneuvers in the Gulf of Mexico. The NATO maneuvers, which the admiral described as taking place every four years and routine, will be from March 8-18.

Adm. Train said the coincidence of the NATO announcement with Reagan's unveiling of his overall plan for Central America and the Caribbean was an accident of chance.

U.S. to relax South African goods embargo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — The United States has decided to ease a 4-year-old embargo on the export of goods to the police and military of South Africa, allowing them to buy certain commodities and low-level technology, a Reagan administration official said Friday.

The embargo was imposed by the administration of former President Jimmy Carter as part of its effort to put pressure on South Africa to end racial segregation and to give its black population full political and economic rights.

"It's a shift in liberalizing the controls," said Bob Denys, deputy assistant secretary for export administration. But he said that the action should not be taken to mean the administration is condoning racial segregation, or the apartheid policy practiced by South Africa. "Apartheid is repugnant to us," he said.

"We are taking small steps toward them. They should be taking small steps toward us," he said. He said the easing of restrictions will not affect the United States' adherence to the 1963 arms embargo imposed by the United Nations. "We are continuing and will continue to support the U.N. arms embargo," Denys said.

The administration will still maintain controls on the export of helicopters and aircraft to South Africa, Denys said. Licenses for export of helicopters and aircraft will be approved only if the Commerce Department

believes they will not be used in support of the military or paramilitary, he said. "We will stamp on the license that they cannot be used by the military or paramilitary in South Africa," he said.

The eased restrictions also apply to South Africa — also known as Namibia — which was entrusted to South African protection by a U.N. mandate that has expired. Last month, the administration extended the ban on all export controls maintained for foreign policy reasons from Dec. 31 to Feb. 28. The embargo, put into effect in 1978, had been renewed yearly since put in place. The Commerce Department is required by law to conduct an annual review of the prohibitions, department officials have said.

The call came in a New China News Agency (NCNA) commentary entitled, "Moscow's two pronged offensive against ASEAN" — the Association of Southeast Asian Nations which groups Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Indonesia.

"Those countries that have the tranquility and peace in the region at heart" should "continue to support the patriotic Kampuchean (Cambodian) Army and people," the NCNA said.

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Titan retirement defended U.S. Army, Marines fight for RDF control

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — A controversy has erupted in the U.S. Congress and at the Pentagon over a battle between the Marine Corps and the Army for control of the new American Rapid Deployment Force (RDF).

"The most confused mess I've ever been involved with," was the way the situation was described by Army Gen. Volney Warner, who resigned last year after 18 months' vain efforts of setting up the RDF.

From the moment the force was created toward the end of 1979, the ambiguity of its command structure had become evident. Its field command had been handed to three-star Marine Corps Gen. Paul Kelley, who however had to report in peacetime to four-star Army Gen. Warner.

The fierce competition between Marines and Army leaders can be partly explained by the enormous credits earmarked by the Pentagon for the RDF — between \$10 billion to \$20 billion to be spent by 1987.

The Marines don't have a mission that justifies their present size (180,000 men). They are afraid for their lives and they per-

cieve the RDF as a new lease on life," said Gen. Maxwell Taylor, a former army chief of staff.

The Marines counter that their long experience in landing operations in far-away regions qualifies them for the RDF. They enjoy strong support in Congress, where the influential Sen. John Tower, who heads the Armed Forces Committee, Friday expounded his own concept of the RDF which differs from that of the administration.

According to the senator, the RDF should be limited to 80,000 Marines half of them assigned to protecting the Gulf area, the other half kept in a state of permanent alert for instant intervention anywhere on the globe, including the area of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger recently said that the main mission of the RDF was deterring the Soviet Union from any aggression and protecting American interests in Southwest Asia.

The RDF, whose top command has again gone to an army general, Robert Kingston, has no forces of its own but depends on a

reservoir of 200,000 men in the armed forces, including three Army divisions.

Army and Marine Corps also differ on where the command should be established. The Marines, long accustomed to working with the Navy, want it on a warship, the Army on land.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon Friday defended its decision to dismantle America's 52 Titan missiles as freeing money for newer strategic weapons vital for "enhancing the survivability of our forces."

James P. Wade, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, said in testimony before a Senate Armed Services Subcommittee that retirement of the missiles would free \$500 million for better use elsewhere.

The Titan missiles have had repeated safety problems in recent years, particularly with their liquid fuel systems. Other U.S. strategic rockets use solid fuels.

The missile carries a single warhead reported to yield the explosive force of 9 million tons TNT — the biggest warhead in the U.S. arsenal.

Campaign against army Peru alleges coup attempt

LIMA, Feb. 27 (R) — Peru's army minister said Friday plotters had tried to provoke a military coup but the armed forces solidly backed the 19-month-old constitutional government.

"There exist groups which are seeking not only to destabilize the government but to break the democratic system," Gen. Luis Cisneros Viqueza told reporters. He added: "They have tried to knock on the gate of the barracks and have not found a response to their interests. And so they are now trying to destabilize the army."

Gen. Cisneros, a former army chief of staff, declined to identify the alleged plotters but said they had unsuccessfully sought to enlist the help of a sector of the army to destabilize the government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry. Belaunde, ousted in a coup in 1968, returned to office in 1980 when the armed forces surrendered power after democratic elections.

Cisneros said there was an insidious campaign aimed at compromising a number of generals. He was apparently referring, in part, to recent allegations that a retired general was involved in a cover-up of a drug trafficking case while serving as interior minister in the previous military government.

The magazine *Caretas*, which supports President Belaunde, has accused the general of ordering the release of a number of people

held in connection with a cocaine seizure.

The public prosecutor has opened an investigation into the allegations. Cisneros said no specific charge existed against the former interior minister but added that it was for the courts to have the final say in the case.

Shuttle prepares for third flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Feb. 27 (AP) — Cold liquid fuel was successfully poured into the space shuttle's massive external tank Friday as part of a simulated countdown to prepare for *Columbia's* third flight on March 22. Meanwhile, the shuttle crew said its 7-day voyage will be the busiest for a long time.

"We probably have more things to do for a two-man crew, more things per man per hour than any of the succeeding flights for a while," Air Force Col. Charles G. Fullerton told a news conference in Houston, Texas, the astronauts' last before their launch.

"Everything we are doing on the flight is an extension beyond the last flight," said the shuttle commander, Marine Col. Jack Louma. He said *Columbia's* flight is "not just another ride" on a spacecraft. "While we are not in the first wave of pioneers, we are not far behind them," he said.

Atlanta jurors deliberate fate of 'mad dog killer'

ATLANTA, Feb. 27 (AP) — Jurors were deliberating the fate of Wayne B. Williams Saturday after prosecutors reviled him as a "mad dog killer" and the defense begged them not to commit the "ultimate tragedy" of convicting an innocent man.

Superior court judge Clarence Cooper instructed the eight black and four white jurors briefly about how to proceed and then left them alone in the courtroom, where their deliberations started Friday.

Both district attorney Lewis Slaton and defense lawyer Alvin Binder turned in their final arguments to a key issue hovering over the trial — whether Williams' arrest last June brought the city's nightmarish 22-month-long string of killings to a halt. The task force that has investigated the series of killings has

not added any new cases to its list since Williams' arrest.

At one point, Binder grabbed the 23-year-old Williams, pulling him in front of the jury and saying "this pudgy, fat little boy" was not strong enough to dispose of two bodies, as prosecutors claim.

The emotional speeches summed up nearly two months of testimony in the sensational murder trial, as the city's top law enforcement officials and scores of reporters and spectators crowded into the courtroom on the fourth floor of the Fulton County courthouse.

"It's time to think about sympathy for these victims — 12 people buried as the result of the same psychopathic killer," said assistant district attorney Jack Mallard. He called

Soviets resent pacifist trend among youths

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (AP) — Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the Soviet chief of staff, has urged propagandists to struggle against "elements of pacifism" among Soviet youth. Ogarkov's message was contained in a new booklet published by the Soviet Defense Ministry and entitled "Always Ready to Defend the Fatherland."

The 70-page booklet emphasizes that the Soviet Union must build its military power to guard against the threat of a surprise nuclear attack by the United States. It claims that the United States wants to "wipe socialism from the face of the earth" and gain world domination. Despite that threat, Ogarkov wrote, many Soviet youths who have grown up in peaceful times, are complacent and politically naive about the dangers of war.

"Peace is for them the normal state of society," the booklet says. "Some of them think that continuing and strengthening it does not require any personal efforts from them. For this reason, they sometimes are not aware of, and underestimate, the danger of war, which has not ceased to be a harsh reality of our times."

As a result, Ogarkov wrote, propaganda workers must wage a decisive struggle against "complacency and elements of pacifism." Ogarkov's warning against pacifism was issued at a time when the Kremlin has lent strong backing to groups in Western Europe opposing U.S. plans to station U.S.-built medium range nuclear missiles there.

The booklet, one of four written by top Soviet military leaders and published in editions of 100,000 copies, addressed several other questions.

Ogarkov also:

— Said the Soviet Union must be able to mobilize its forces and shift into a war economy more quickly to survive a surprise nuclear strike by the United States, and then deliver "crushing counterblows."

— Noted that many Soviet soldiers join the Red Army with weak knowledge on Russian, which "seriously hampers their military training." This was an apparent reference to the increasing number of soldiers from Soviet Central Asia, where Russian is the second language.

— Accused the United States of adopting a policy of confrontation with the Soviet Union, of abandoning earlier agreements between the countries, and of stalling at the negotiations in Geneva to reduce nuclear arms in Europe.

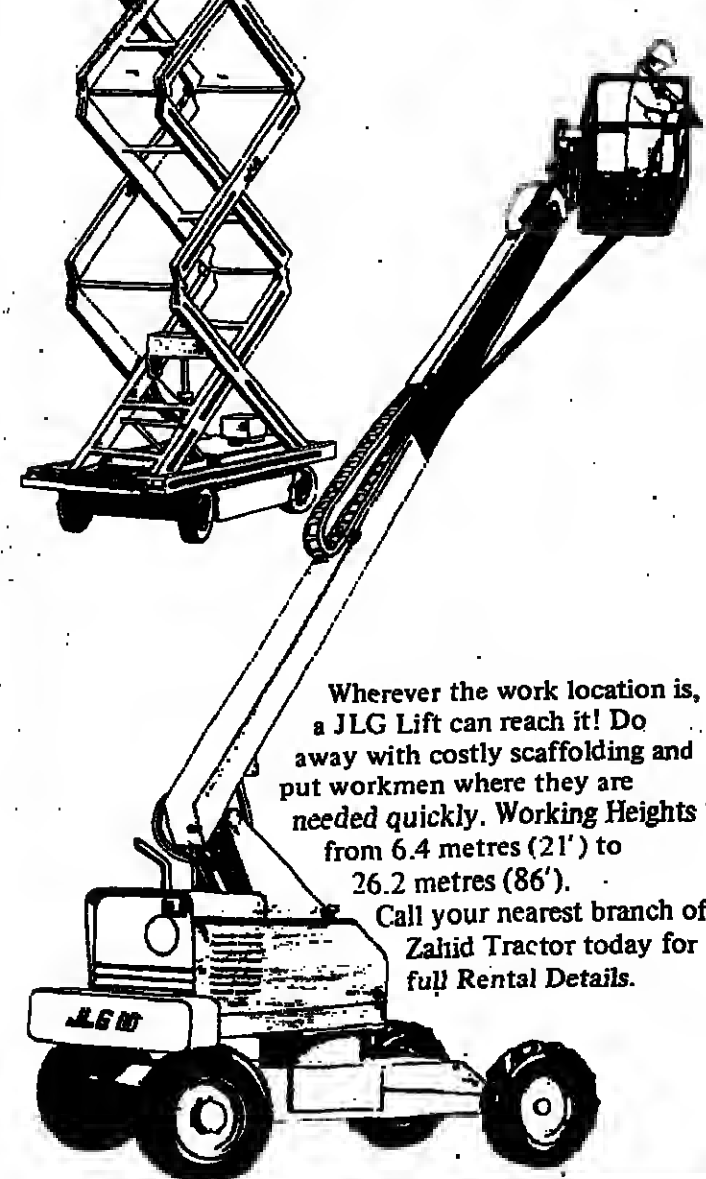
— Said the United States and its NATO allies in Western Europe had some economic and political differences but "hold to a single line" in their struggle against the Soviet Union.

Williams a "mad dog killer" and a "psychological liar" with a split personality who killed "over and over without any apparent motive."

Williams, who had smiled and flashed a victory sign to photographers in the morning, showed no emotion as he listened to the arguments. The black free-lance photographer has pleaded innocent to murdering Cater, 27, and Payne, 21, two of the 28 young blacks killed in a nightmarish series of slayings that drew international attention.

No arrests have been made in the 26 other cases, but prosecutors presented evidence in 10 additional slayings in an attempt to show a pattern of murders that included the Carter and Payne deaths. The prosecution said it will seek a life sentence if Williams is convicted.

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Peking supports Khmer guerrillas

PEKING, Feb. 27 (AFP) — China Saturday called for continued support for the struggle by Khmer Rouge guerrillas against Vietnamese forces in Cambodia, in an appeal apparently aimed at non-Communist countries in Southeast Asia where the Khmer Rouge has just launched a diplomatic offensive.

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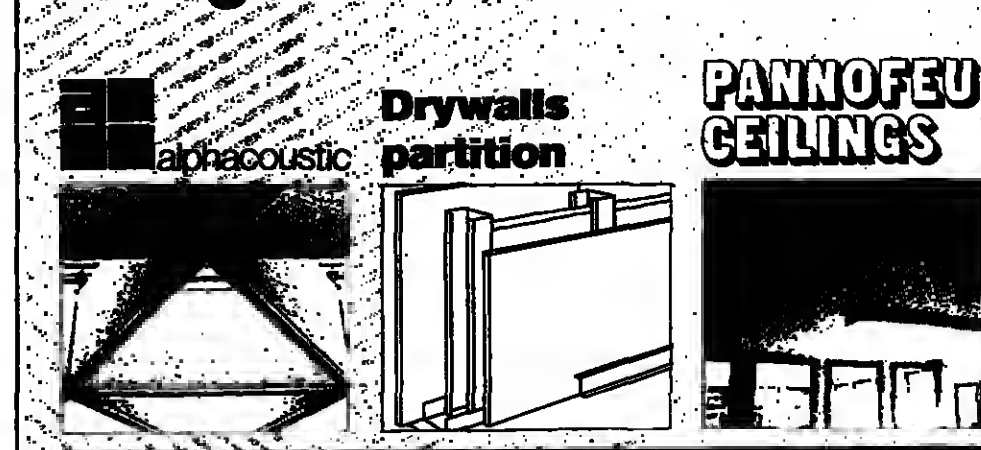
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As oil imports surge U.S. records deficit of \$5.13b in trade

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — The United States' foreign trade deficit hit \$5.13 billion last month, the third-highest total in recent years, Commerce Department officials have said.

The big reasons, they said, were "timing aberrations" in reporting oil imports, coupled with a stronger dollar that made it less expensive for Americans to import foreign goods and more expensive for other nations to buy U.S. products.

The January deficit was the biggest since the \$5.4 billion of last August. The only higher deficit since the Commerce Department began compiling figures on a comparable basis was the \$5.9 billion of February 1980. The figures cover non-defense merchandise trade and do not include trade in services.

Commerce economist David Lund said department officials believe the deficit for all of this year will be somewhat higher than last year's \$3.7 billion. He wouldn't say how much higher, but any increase would put the 1982 total close to or past the record 1978 deficit of \$4.2 billion. The new report showed January oil imports up about 40 percent from December in both volume and dollar value.

But Lund said the barrels-per-day average for the two months together — 6.19 million — was a better indicator of true imports than the officially reported 4.19 million for

December and 6.84 million for January. "The data don't indicate to me any surge in oil imports but rather changes in timing (of deliveries) and reporting lags," he said.

Total imports averaged 6.13 million barrels per day last year, down from 7 million in 1980, and are expected to dip below 6 million this year, Lund said.

The January \$1.4 billion increase in non-oil imports of manufactured goods might at first seem a signal of economic recovery in the United States, indicating new ability to buy foreign goods.

But Lund said a more likely reason for such an increase was the fact that the dollar has been growing in value in comparison to foreign currencies since autumn.

It's hard to tell how much of this (the import increase) is due to the dollar effect, but some of it obviously is, he said. "It would be premature to say anything about the economy from the data."

January's overall deficit was up sharply from December's \$1.8 billion, a figure that has been revised from the \$1.6 billion originally reported. Both figures are adjusted for seasonal variations, and the December change was due to a revision of that variation, Lund said.

In all, in January, U.S. exports totaled \$18.74 billion, down about \$150 million from December. Imports totaled \$23.87 billion, up \$3.17 billion.

Tin producers to hold talks

BANGKOK, Feb. 27 (R) — Leading world tin producers, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand, will meet in Kuala Lumpur in May to discuss a common stand if the sixth International Tin Agreement (ITA) fails.

Visiting Malaysian Primary Industries Minister Datuk Paul Leong told a press conference Saturday they would also consider details of a Malaysian initiative to set up a tin producers' association.

He said the proposed association would not be designed to push tin prices to an unrealistic, high level. "What we want is a fair, stable and remunerative tin price reflecting the cost of production and the depletable nature of tin as an economic resource," he said.

Datuk Leong said the fact that Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand agreed to hold the

meeting indicated a solidarity and sincerity to defend their interests. The three countries export more than 70 percent of the world's tin.

In London, tin prices plunged this week to the lowest level since last July, reflecting an apparent halt to buying by a mysterious trader who drove the metal to record heights on world markets over the past eight months.

The mystery buyer is widely believed to have been backed by tin producer countries wanting to boost their revenues. Datuk Leong, commenting on the proposed tin producers' association, said producers naturally have the right to expect a greater role in the marketing of their tin.

The sixth ITA is up for ratification by April 30, but the U.S. as a leading consumer has refused to join it.

Delay seen in Polish debt rescheduling

FRANKFURT, Feb. 27 (R) — Poland still owes Western banks at least \$50 million in interest on its 1981 debts and a rescheduling agreement is unlikely to be signed before the end of March, European banking sources have said.

The agreement to defer repayments of \$2.4 billion that fell due in the last three quarters of 1981 was to have been signed in Frankfurt next Thursday, but was conditional on Warsaw paying all the 1981 interest.

Frankfurt banking sources said at least \$50 million of the interest was still unpaid Friday. A Swiss banking source in Zurich confirmed that some payments were still outstanding although he said they continued to flow in throughout the week.

The Swiss source, who monitors repayments of Polish debts to Swiss banks, said that a few technical matters had also to be settled before the rescheduling agreement could be signed. He estimated it would be signed only toward the end of March. Poland set itself a deadline of the middle of February to pay the interest on its 1981 debts. When the deadline expired, European banking sources estimated that between \$100 million and \$150 million was still outstanding.

The 1981 debts were expected to be deferred for seven years. Once the agreement is signed Poland will be keen to start talks on rescheduling this year's commercial and official debts of \$10 billion.

ICO discusses new coffee pact

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP) — The executive board of the International Coffee Organization Friday ended its preliminary discussion in search of a new international agreement to replace the one that ends Sept. 30, 1983.

Some 38 proposals and amendments were made by members of the 73-nation ICO, but no decisions were announced. However, conference sources said that some of the producer delegations had criticized proposals made by both the United States and the 10-nation European Community to bring back the selective quota adjustment system abandoned with a previous agreement.

Brazil and Colombia always have opposed this system to which they had reluctantly agreed in 1968, but fought when the 3rd pact was being negotiated in 1975.

Wall Street Analysts see economy plunging downhill

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP) — As bad as the current condition of the economy is, some Wall Street analysts are warning that it could get much worse.

In the mainstream financial community, economists don't use a word like "depression" loosely. But lately the chance that the United States might be headed for some sort of depression has become the subject of open conjecture.

"I don't think it's a probability," said S. Jay Levy, an economic forecaster. "But for the first time in the post-war era, I think it's a possibility."

At E.F. Hutton and Co., the third largest U.S. brokerage house, chief economist Edward Yardeni rates the likelihood of a depression at 30 percent.

His position is by no means universal. "There's no doubt the economy is still sinking," Otto Eckstein, chairman of the fore-

casting firm of Data Resources Inc., recently observed, but "so far there's no reason to believe this is doomsday."

Officials in the Reagan administration continue to forecast a recovery in the months ahead. Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of the president's economic advisory council, predicted Thursday that the beginnings of an upturn would show up in the second quarter, to be followed by strong growth in the second half of the year.

Fears about the direction of the economy intensified early in the past week, when the stock market suddenly stopped responding to declining interest rates and took a sharp drop. After rising more than 80 points in early trading Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average tumbled to a loss of more than 13 by the close. At 811.26, the average stood at its lowest point in nearly two years. The market subsequently rallied, and the

Dow closed Friday at 824.39, up 0.09 for the week. The New York stock exchange composite index slipped 0.10 to 65.33, and the American stock exchange market value index was down 3.44 at 266.13. Big Board Volume averaged 56.24 million shares a day, against 52.17 million the week before.

Even those who regard a depression as possible don't foresee anything like a repeat of the last one, in the early 1930s, when the unemployment rate reached 25 percent and American industry as a whole effectively was operating at a loss. They note that many safeguards and cushions, such as unemployment compensation and federal deposit insurance, have been built into the system since that time.

Still, Yardeni says there is a danger of the kind of depression that he defines as "a severe recession that's awfully hard to get out of."

Italy set to buy Algerian gas

ROME, Feb. 27 (AFP) — The Italian government has removed the last obstacles to a big contract for the purchase of Algerian methane gas, and has ordered the state oil body ENI to finalize the deal, informed sources have said here.

Negotiations for Italy to buy gas through the 2,500 kms gas pipeline from the Algerian oilfield of Hassi-Rmel to Sicily have up till now been snagged on the price.

Italy disagreed with Algeria's request that the price be indexed to that of a basket of different crude oils. On Thursday, making his first detailed statement on the year-long dispute, Italian Premier Giovanni Spadolini said he wanted a price that was "remunerative" for Algeria and "competitive" with the cost of fuel it was replacing in Italy.

Although he added that the price talks were tied up with general cooperation between Italy and Algeria, Spadolini no longer appears to want to tie them to any specific economic and technical deal, observers said. Italy was forced to modify its position following similar gas deals struck by Algeria with Belgium early last year and with France late in 1981.

But the sources warned that the way to signing the contract, was not yet entirely clear. A final decision will not come before the next meeting between the two sides in April.

Meanwhile, the state-owned Algerian oil body Sonatrach has announced that the gas pipeline linking Algeria to Spain will be finished by 1989.

Reagan eases export curbs on Iraq

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (R) — The Reagan administration announced it is easing restrictions on some exports to South Africa and Iraq, arousing congressional protests.

Under regulations to be issued by the Commerce Department on Monday, Iraq is deleted from a list of countries alleged to be supporting international terrorism, opening the way for possible sales of civilian aircraft.

Republican Senator Rudy Binschitz, a member of Foreign Relations Committee, said the administration had not shown that Iraq had ended its support for terrorist groups.

But the State Department said Iraq's "improved record" warranted its removal from the list of terrorism supporters. The new rules also make exceptions to a ban on sales to South Africa for police or military use.

The exceptions include equipment to prevent aircraft hijacking and electronic equipment such as calculators. Favourable consideration would also be given to licences for computers to be used by South African government departments unless the computer would be used to enforce the apartheid policy of racial separation.

Weekly commodities

Gold touching new low triggers price fall

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AFP) — Commodities were irregular this week, having been depressed initially by the fall of gold to its lowest level since November, then encouraged by lower interest rates, particularly in Britain.

Tin was again a prominent feature, collapsing after its recent record rise. Gas-oil sank further to a new low after another weakening of crude oil prices.

Rubber, however, staged a recovery, after having fallen recently to its lowest since 1978. Cocoa and coffee remained strong, though irregular, while sugar gradually fell to its lowest since December. Wool was very firm.

Gold: Down. Remained directly affected by continuing rumors of Soviet sales. The Soviet Union is expected to extend its interventions in order to get foreign currency to pay for its maize purchases from the United States. Persistent sales by the oil exporting countries also depressed the prices, but a

slight recovery was staged in front of the weekend.

Copper: Easier. Early steadiness came from the higher values in New York, the 1,525-ton fall in market stocks to 122,800 tons and the weakness of steel.

The announcement by the United States smelter Phelps Dodge that it will shut down another furnace indefinitely at the end of the month because of a shortage of concentrates at its Arizona plant kept the prices steady in front of the weekend.

Tin: Down. Prices dive dramatically this week, with some of the biggest daily fall recorded. The cash price shed nearly a fifth of its all-time peak of two weeks ago as freer offerings came into the market.

Traders were surprised by this sudden withdrawal of support by the influential buyer who had kept the market firm, and it is felt that either he is changing tactics, or willing to let prices fall, or abandoning his support program.

Zinc: Irregular. Prices were initially higher, mainly due to the weakness of the pound. Market stocks fell 1,325 tons to 62,700 tons, their lowest since October 1980.

US Lead: Steadiness directly affected by movements of zinc, and prices fluctuated in a very narrow range to hold their previous levels. Meanwhile, market stocks were up 775 tons to 64,301 tons.

Nickel: Steadiness in the market reflected the currency fluctuations. Early losses due to the initial rise of sterling were later recovered as prices found support from the fall in the pound.

This triggered speculative buying and short-covering, stocks fell slightly by 18 tons to 1,734 tons. Merchants quoted a higher \$2.57/\$2.87 against \$2.55/\$2.85.

Aluminium: Bravely steady. The slide in prices was extended as market stocks continued to climb, they rose 2,200 tons to a record 176,200 tons.

Gulf tanker rates stay depressed

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AFP) — Gulf tanker rates remained depressed this week, while other rates showed a slight improvement in a market made uncertain by the possibility of a meeting soon of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Several companies were hesitant to charter because they feared a further drop in prices, while others took cargo as an insurance against any cutback in production.

There was no sign of demand picking up in the Arabian Gulf, where an estimated 40 vessels (11 million tons deadweight excluding those which are semi-laid up) are available for hire, London shipbroker E.A. Gibson said.

The shortage of medium-sized tonnage, however, allowed an improvement in the 100,000-ton class for Eastern destinations.

Rates went firmer in the Mediterranean and improved slightly in the Caribbean, and United States and Caribbean discharge rates gained momentum. An easier trend was noted in the clean market, due to the reduction of product prices.

Italy plans floating \$510m bond

BRUSSELS, Feb. 27 (AP-DJ) — Italy intends to issue ECU-denominated treasury bonds totaling 500 million ECUs (about \$510 million) simultaneously on international and domestic capital markets, the Kreditbank international group said.

Kreditbank said it had been approached to manage the issue in cooperation with an Italian banking syndicate, and it and the borrower "intend to go to the market with out delay."

It gave no further details except to say Italy was the first European Economic Community country to issue ECU treasury bonds at home and abroad at the same time.

The ECU is the basket currency of the European Monetary System (EMS). Kreditbank said the latest operation would increase the value of the loans brought to the market under its management or co-management in the last 10 months to \$720 million. "And the pace is quickening," it said.

Alfa Romeo to lay off 40,000 employees

ROME, Feb. 27 (AFP) — Some 40,000 employees of the Alfa Romeo auto firm are to be laid off during the first two weeks of March following the breakdown of talks between management and unions, informed sources said here Saturday.

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On curbing interest rates

Bonn bank rejects Europe plan

FRANKFURT, Feb. 27 (AFP) — West Germany's central Bundesbank chairman Karl Otto Poehl Saturday rejected outright any European move to lower interest rates as proposed by this week's Franco-German summit.

Poehl did not refer directly to the statement by German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and French President Francois Mitterrand on Thursday which received backing from Italy Friday, but he said he was against any "administrative limitation" to movements of capital.

But Poehl said at a press statement marking the opening of the spring Frankfurt fair Saturday, they naturally cannot ignore the fact that there are movements of capital or interest rate differences that these affected the marks exchange rate.

But "limitations on movements of capital are certainly not an appropriate method" for combating this phenomena, and for reserve currency like the mark, they would tend to be counter productive, Poehl said.

"There is only one way to detach our interest rates from even higher American levels" and this was to "discipline" wage rises and thus increase competitiveness, he said.

U.S. unveils \$8.7b foreign aid package

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan unveiled Friday an \$8.7-billion foreign aid package with sharply increased security assistance to Latin America — helping boost the aid \$1.8 billion over last year's level.

The over-all increase includes \$1 billion in direct security aid and \$800 million in U.S.-guaranteed loans to foreign nations.

The package was outlined to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee in briefings at Capitol Hill and the State Department. It is expected to meet stronger resistance in the House of Representatives which is controlled by Democrats, than in the Republican-dominated Senate.

Total aid proposed for Latin America is \$415 million, compared with \$279 million that Congress appropriated last year.

The beleaguered civilian-military junta in El Salvador would get \$166 million. El Salvador received \$121 million for the current fiscal year, but the administration has proposed to supplement this with another \$135 million.

In the Middle East, Israel's aid would be increased from \$2.2 billion to \$2.5 billion and Egypt's from \$1.7 to \$2 billion. In credits for the purchase of arms, Egypt would get a bigger increase than Israel, jumping from \$900 million to \$1.3 billion, while the Israelis would go from \$1.4 billion to \$1.7 billion.

Security assistance to Turkey would be boosted from \$703 million to \$819 million while aid to Greece would be unchanged at \$283 million.

Meanwhile, Mitterrand said at a press conference in Rome Friday, that France, West Germany and Italy would take joint action to minimize the effects of high U.S. interest rates and to prevent a flight of Western European capital to the United States.

But the French president, who agreed Thursday with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt on joint initiatives to curb interest rates, Friday pointed to a difference between Bonn's and Paris' approach to the problem.

The West German Bundesbank, he said, was free to take its own actions, whereas the French government could dictate the approach of the Bank of France. Mitterrand added that "a quicker and more effective management of European Economic Community borrowing was one of the joint actions that could be taken."

The two leaders reached broad understanding on a three-point agenda. The three main items on the agenda were major world problems in the East-West, North-South context, the policies of the European Economic Community (EEC), and bilateral relations.

Mitterrand arrived Friday with seven cabinet ministers on a 48-hour official visit. The atmosphere of the talks was described as

"realistic".

Spokesman said a principal purpose of the trip was to inaugurate a series of regular summits between France and Italy. The aim was to bring cooperation to the level that marks France's relations with West Germany and Britain.

But their talks also covered a broad range of international problems, including European security and cooperation, the high American interest rates, Poland and El Salvador, spokesmen said.

Spadolini reportedly expressed a "positive judgment" on the Franco-German summit concluded in Paris Thursday, which produced an initiative against the effects of U.S. monetary policy.

The two men discussed "frankly" the war between Italy and France, sparked by efforts by French to bar the imports of cheap Italian product. They said they had opened the way to ending the dispute.

Mitterrand was to meet Saturday with Italian political leaders Enrico Berlinguer of the Communist Party, Flaminio Piccoli of the Christian Democrats and Bettino Craxi of the Socialist Party.

The administration asked for \$405.8 billion to resume assistance to Pakistan, signaling that President Reagan will certify that this is required by the national interest, despite a law cutting off aid to the Pakistanis unless they forewear nuclear arms.

Aid to African nations would be boosted from \$480 million to \$568 million, with Kenya going from \$43 million to \$66 million, Liberia from \$29 million to \$48 million and Zaire from \$11 million to \$36 million. In Central America, the leftist government in Nicaragua, cut off from aid by the Reagan

Libya, Ghana oil accord set

ACCRA, Feb. 27 (R) — Libya is negotiating a cut-price deal to supply Ghana's crude oil for the next 15 years in a move which would further strengthen ties between the two revolutionary governments.

The head of the Libyan People's Bureau in Accra, Muawia Elmabruk, told a press conference Friday that Ghana would not have to pay for shipping the oil if the deal were struck.

Libya has already pledged to send two shipments of crude to help Ghana out of its critical oil shortage. The country has about six week's supply left, industry sources say, following Nigeria's decision to stop deliveries due to arrears of some \$150 million.

Elmabruk, who was quoted by the Ghana News Agency (GNA), said the two ships would carry 500,000 barrels worth about \$20 million and the first would arrive next week. Terms of the emergency shipments have not been made public, but the industry sources

said they would satisfy Ghana's crude demand for another three weeks. Libya was the first country to recognize the government of flight-Lt. Jerry Rawlings after his New Year's eve coup, and relations with Tripoli have expanded ever since.

A Ghanaian delegation went to Tripoli earlier this month to discuss the oil deal and Elmabruk said the funding of a Ghana-Libya development bank had been agreed in principle.

Food, agricultural and medical aid will also arrive soon from the Libyan capital, Elmabruk added, saying Libya had "no intention" whatsoever in Ghana except the liberation of Ghanaians from imperialism and colonialism.

India to spend \$5.6b on defense

NEW DELHI, Feb. 27 (R) — India's defense spending will rise next year by 11 percent to \$5.6 billion (Rs. 65 billion) under the new budget unveiled Saturday.

The budget for the financial year 1982-83, starting on April 1, was presented in parliament by Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

Mukherjee, who took over the financial portfolio last month, said the increase in the defense budget was owing to what he called the uncertain external environment.

He said the overall deficit next year would total 13.65 billion rupees (\$1.51 billion), down from the revised deficit estimate of 17 billion rupees (\$1.88 billion) for the current year.

Reagan moots pipeline talks with allies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan is edging closer to a decision to try to block construction of a \$10 billion pipeline to transport Siberian natural gas to Western Europe, but is holding another round of consultations with the allies before a final decision.

The issue, which has sharply divided the cabinet, was the subject Friday of a national security council meeting. According to sources, who asked not to be identified, two or three days were set aside for another round of talks with the Europeans.

West Germany, France and Italy all have signed construction contracts. They are eager to go ahead, partly to end West Europe's dependence on Middle Eastern energy but also to provide jobs to ease current unemployment.

The Pentagon and the State Department are at opposite ends of the argument, which split President Reagan's aides. Discussions at the NSC meeting leaned heavily toward Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger's view. He is known to be concerned with the financial gains the Soviets would obtain from the 3,000-mile (4,830 km) pipeline and the West European dependency on Moscow.

Taipei sees farm exports at \$2b

TAIPEI, Feb. 27 (CNA) — The Republic of China's exports of farm products in 1982 may reach the \$2 billion mark, showing an increase of \$200 million over the preceding year, according to an estimate of the Council for Economic Planning and Development.

The CEPD report says that exports of brown sugar will increase this year, while canned asparagus and canned mushrooms will continue to face keen international competition.

As many countries in the world have adopted protectionist policies and the world economy is recovering slowly from recession, exports of farm products may remain sluggish this year.

Dollar rates scale new high

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 27 — The American dollar closed the weekend on a truly higher note, registering significant gains against all other major currencies. Eurodollar deposit levels were also firmer by between 1/4 to 1/2 percent taking the one-month dollar rate back to 14% — 14 1/4 percent.

The catalyst for the rise was once again the news that the weekly U.S. money supply figures had shown a rise. This was a modest increase of only \$1.2 billion for the past week out the money markets reacted by taking up sagging dollar interest rates. Gone, it would seem, were the doubts and hesitations that crept into the money markets after the release of the previous week's money supply figures which had shown a fall of more than \$3 billion. Money market dealers are once again baffled by this weekly releasing phenomena in the release of the money supply figures, with the market participants seemingly oblivious in other reported economic news. Friday also showed that the U.S. consumer price index had fallen for January indicating some progress in the fight against inflation, but this was completely ignored by a nervous money market. Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rates were also firmer, closing at 14 1/4 percent levels compared with a floorbottom level of nearly 8 percent Wednesday night.

In the bullion markets, gold fell back even more sharply to \$360.50 levels in New York closing, compared with \$363.50 in

London earlier Friday. Silver stayed firmly below the \$7.80 levels.

In the local markets, rial deposit levels were generally firm, with hikes of between 1/4 to 1/2 percent being registered in short dated funds compared with Thursday levels. Week fixed funds are now traded at 13 1/2 — 14 1/2 percent.

In the New York bourses, the dollar's rise was seemingly unchecked Friday night. The British pound, already suffering from reductions in British interest rates, fell back to 1.8130 levels — the lowest for two weeks. The German mark was also weaker at 2.4050 levels while the yen was unable to sustain its recent gains against the dollar and fell back to 238.80 levels. Other major trading currencies did not move lightly either with the French franc falling to 6.10/6.11 levels from 6.0680 and the Swiss franc to 1.9080 from 1.8810. Only Monday European dealing will show whether the dollar can maintain its new found strength.

In the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates opened at Thursday levels of 3.4200-10 but some active dealing took the price up to 3.4205-15 by close of business. The money markets however, were the center of attraction, with rial deposit rates remaining firm at 13 1/2 — 14 percent for the one-month and 14 — 14 1/4 percent for the nine-month. These tenors had opened at 13 — 13 1/2 percent and 13 1/2 — 14 percent respectively Saturday. Dealings continued to be in the short-term deposit levels and overnight funds were dealt at 13 — 14 percent.

Manila acts to eliminate tax evasion

MANILA, Feb. 27 (Dephnews) — Tax filers will now find it more difficult to cheat the government with the recent overhaul of the 43-year-old Philippine income tax system.

The new system, based on an individual's gross income, eliminates many weaknesses of the old system which was based on the net income of tax filers. Although the gross income tax system is not unique to the Philippines, it is expected to improve the country's income tax performance.

A 1976 International Monetary Fund survey of 63 developing countries stated that the Philippines is lagging behind in income tax collection. While the average ratio of income

tax collections to total tax collection in other developing countries is 26.6 percent, the Philippine ratio is only 24 percent.

And while the average contribution of income taxes to total gross national product in the 63 developing countries is 4.77 percent, that of the Philippines is only 2.3 percent.

"Income taxes are supposed to be a major source of revenue, but it has not produced substantial revenues for the Philippines," said Angle Q. Yningco, director of the National Tax Research Centre (NTRC) in an interview with Dephnews.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 3:30 p.m. Saturday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.08	—
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	280.03
Canadian Dollar	143.00	142.70	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	131.20	—
Egyptian Pound	3.49	3.52	—
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.00	93.70	—
French Franc (100)	57.00	56.15	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	56.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.80	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.00	26.70	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.35	—
Jordanian Dinar	9.84	9.83	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.05	12.00	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	70.75	70.00	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.75	60.50	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	31.45	—
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.65	—
Pound Sterling	6.30	6.24	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.10	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	162.00	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	33.35	—
Sri Lanka Rupee (100)	181.00	179.90	—
Syrian Lira (1,000)	58.00	63.50	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90	—

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Abqiy Municipality	Fencing of the new and old Abu Dar graveyards	—	300	27.2.82
Eastern Province Education Department (Ahsa)	Cleanliness of five pre-fab schools in Ahsa	—	50	28.2.82
	Cleanliness of Al-Khafji school	28	100	27.2.82
Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones	Supply, installation and maintenance of a central warning system in the Central and Eastern provinces	310600	300	1.3.82

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1A.	Marzanin Parsia	A.E.T.	RnRo Cntrs/Tyrs/	25.2.82
2.	Nipal Mascot	Reyavat	Loading Mty	—
3.	Saudi Crown	M.E.S.A.	Vehicles	26.2.82
4.	New Dolphin	Gulf	Vehicles	26.2.82
5.	Saudi Sunrise	M.E.S.A.	Poles/Bars/Machy/	24.2.82
6.	Athenassia	Alsaada	Garanal	—
7.	Kesnar	Alsaabah	Rice/Sorghum/	25.2.82
8.	Satellite	O.C.E.	Maize	—
9.	Summar Ray	O.C.E.	Sgm/Rice/Bans/Gan.	25.2.82
10.	Island Mariner	Gulf	Tris/Rice/Bans/Gan.	25.2.82
11.	Phlax	Barnaodah	Tris/Ganeral	22.2.82
12.	Santurini	Alsaada	Reefer	23.2.82
14.	Golden Bahrain	El Hawi	Rebar/Tyres/Paper/	23.2.82
15.	Lanka Ratna	A.A.	Garanal	—
16.	Khudozhnik Rames	A.E.T.	Barley/Wheat	21.2.82
18.	Odyseus	Rolaco	SteelGen/Ppr/Poles	25.2.82
19.	Alain L.D.	Alsaabah	Barley	20.2.82
20.	Finn Timber	Gulf	Timb/SteelGen/	21.2.82
21.	Maldiva Novel	Omri	Centra	18.2.82
22.	Multi-Carrier	Abdallah	Barley	26.2.82
23.	Lanka Keerti	H.S.S.C.	Containers	26.2.82
24.	Saudi Prince	M.E.S.A.	Bulk Cement	16.2.82
25.	Hanboi	O.C.E.	Bulk Cement	26.2.82
26.	Machidi	Barnaodah	Gen/St/Timb/Paper	22.2.82
27.	Shabean	Alsaabah	Sorghum/Timber	25.2.82
28.	Kefalonis Spirit	Alsaada	Steel/Gen/Contrs.	21.2.82
29.	Frigo America	Star	Barley	14.2.82
30.	Haj Abdul Rahman Kapua	El Hawi	Rice/Bans/Mzr/	25.2.82
		Gulf	H. Brd	—

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OF 4.5.1402/27.2.1982 CHANGES
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1.	Union Hamburg	UEP	Sugar in Bags	22.2.82
N2.	Al Badr	UEP	Gen/Barley	25.2.82
4.	Sebrina	SEA	Bagged Barley	22.2.82
9.	Luchun	Omri	Bagged Barley	16.2.82
11.	Halla Partner	Gulf	Steel Garanal	27.2.82
14.	Cyclops	Omri	Steel Pipes	21.2.82
16.	Willow	Gosaibi	Steel Gar.	26.2.82
17.	Eastern Castle	Shobakshi	Bagged Barley	21.2.82
18.	Seabada	Alsaada	Bagged Cement	22.2.82
19.	San Jahn	Gulf	Frozen Chicken	25.2.82
22.	Barrios	Alsaada	Gen/Plywood	27.2.82
26.	Gelica	Gosaibi	Gen/Contrs.	25.2.82
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As Clarke strikes twice

Wolverhampton shocks Ipswich

LONDON, Feb. 27 (R) — Southampton, leading the English football league for the first time in its history, showed no sign of faltering as it crushed aside Birmingham 3-1 Saturday.

The win, which included Kevin Keegan's 23rd goal of the season preserved Southampton's four-point advantage at the top of the First Division. Swansea, another club seeking its first league title, moved into second place with an impressive 2-0 win at Arsenal. Ray Kennedy former of Arsenal, scored Swansea's opening goal.

Manchester United, lying overnight, slipped back to third after a crowd of 57,872 — the highest attendance at a British league game for 74 years — saw it held 1-1 at its Old Trafford ground by local rivals Manchester City.

Liverpool, which resumes its defense of the European Cup on Wednesday, warmed up with a solid 2-0 win at Leeds which propelled them ahead of Arsenal and Ipswich into fourth place. Ipswich surprisingly came to grief against struggling Wolverhampton, who were indebted to two goals from Wayne Clarke in the first 20 minutes for its 2-1 win.

An even more improbable result looked likely in the match between former European champions Nottingham Forest and bottom club Middlesbrough, still looking for its first away win of the season. Dave Hodgson gave Middlesbrough a sixth-minute lead which they held until Stuart Gray equalized.

Keegan put Southampton ahead with a 17th minute penalty. Frank Worthington, also with a penalty equalized after 40 minutes but Southampton were applying most of the pressure and Graham Baker scored in the 56th and 61st minutes to see it home.

Alan Ball, the 36-year-old midfielder player who was a member of England's 1966 World Cup side, marked his 700th appearance by setting up Baker's second goal.

Manchester City scored first. Ervin Reeves glancing a header after 17 minutes. Manchester United equalized after 38 minutes through Kevin Moran and the remainder of the match produced some predictably competitive activity but no goals.

Liverpool, surging menacingly up the table after a stuttering start to the season, was given the lead by Graeme Sounes. As second goal by Rust Anter put it beyond Leeds' reach.

Aston Villa, still in contention for the European Cup, also was on the winning list. Villa beat Coventry in a pulsating battle. Garry Thompson headed Coventry into a three minute lead, but it was short-lived. The victory was all the more creditable as Villa is playing without a manager after the resignation of Ron Saunders.

Tottenham, pitted against a West German side in the European Cup quarterfinal match Wednesday got past Stoke City impressively. The goals were scored by its prolific scorer Garth Crooks. After Kennedy had put Swansea ahead, which was his first goal for the Welsh side, Robbie James scored from the spot to put the issue beyond doubt against Arsenal.

Luton went ahead of Watford in the Second Division with a convincing 2-0 win over Oldham. Watford also won its tie against Orient with ease.

The Scottish Premier Division leaders Celtic were surprisingly beaten 1-0 by Hibernian. It was Celtic's third defeat of the season and Hibernian have been responsible for two of it. Hibernian's goal was scored after 18 minutes.

Gary Murray gathered a throw-in from Erich Schaedler, who laid-in the chance for Gordon Rae to score.

Celtic introduced young Danny after the interval in an effort to change the pattern. Its brightest chance came in the session when Frank McGanay shot over from close.

St. Mirren in second, was able to make only a point inroad into Celtic's lead as it was held 1-1 at Dundee United. A header by Frank McDougall in 28 minutes gave St. Mirren a lead which they held until 10 minutes into second half when Eamonn Bannon equalized with a penalty.

Brighton raced into a 2-0 lead over West Bromwich thanks to Andy Ritchie and Mike Robinson but the visitors were on target twice in the last 10 minutes to salvage a draw.

Substitute Nicky Cross and Martyn Bennett were the West Bromwich marksmen. Brighton manager Mike Bailey admitted: "We relaxed too much."

Sunderland, which only has won once at home this season, led Notts County until the 85th minute when Iain McCulloch negated Alan Brown's opener.

Soccer results

English Division One			English Division Two		
Arsenal	0	Swansea	2	0	Blackburn Rovers
Aston Villa	2	Coventry	2	0	Grimsby Town
Brighton	2	West Bromwich	2	0	Sheff Wednesday
Everton	0	West Ham	0	2	Sheff Wednesday
Leeds	0	Liverpool	2	0	Sheff Wednesday
Manchester United	1	Manchester City	2	0	Sheff Wednesday
Nottingham Forest	1	Middlesbrough	1	1	Sheff Wednesday
Southampton	3	Birmingham	1	1	Sheff Wednesday
Stoke	0	Tottenham	2	0	Sheff Wednesday
Sunderland	1	Notts County	2	0	Sheff Wednesday
Wolverhampton	2	Ipswich	1	1	Sheff Wednesday
Divided Two			Divided Two		
Barnsley	0	Blackburn Rovers	1	1	Sheff Wednesday
Cambridge	2	Grimsby Town	2	0	Sheff Wednesday
Cardiff	0	Sheff Wednesday	2	0	Sheff Wednesday
Charlton	1	Sheff Wednesday	2	0	Sheff Wednesday
Darby	2	Newcastle	2	0	Sheff Wednesday
Leicester	1	Bolton Wanderers	0	0	Sheff Wednesday
Luton	2	Oldham	0	0	Sheff Wednesday
Norwich	0	Q.P. Rangers	1	1	Sheff Wednesday
Oxford	1	Widow	1	1	Sheff Wednesday
Rotherham	2	Croydon Palace	0	0	Sheff Wednesday
Wrexham	1	Chelms	0	0	Sheff Wednesday
Divided Three			Divided Three		
Barnsley	2	Exeter	0	0	Sheff Wednesday
Bristol Rovers	2	Southend	1	0	Sheff Wednesday
Burnley	3	Portsmouth	0	0	Sheff Wednesday
Carlisle	1	Swindon	1	1	Sheff Wednesday
Chesham	2	Reading	1	1	Sheff Wednesday
Doncaster	0	Newport	0	0	Sheff Wednesday
Fulham	2	Huddersfield	2	2	Sheff Wednesday
Gillingham	3	Plymouth	2	2	Sheff Wednesday
Oxford	3	Chesham	1	1	Sheff Wednesday
Truro	1	Bristol City	3	1	Sheff Wednesday
Walsall	1	Millwall	1	1	Sheff Wednesday

Stadler enhances chances

MIAMI, Florida, Feb. 27 (AP) — Craig Stadler birdied two of his end three holes with "shots I didn't expect to make," to finish off a 69 that expanded his lead to two strokes Friday in the second round of the \$300,000 Doral-Eastern Open Golf Tournament.

Stadler, a winner at Tucson and bidding to become the first two-time champion of the young season, reached the tournament's halfway point with a 135 total. He was nine shots under par for two trips over the Blue Monster Course at the Doral Country Club.

Andy Bean, who missed most of last season with a hand injury, hit his first drive of the day into the water, but recovered for a 69 that left him at 137. Jack Nicklaus holed out a 98-yard pitching wedge second shot on an eagle-2 on the fifth hole, but could do no better than a 71 that left him at 138, three shots back.

Scott Hoch and Eric Batten followed at 139. Hoch had a 70 and batten matched par 72. Ray Floyd, winner of this event the last two years, had a 70 and was six shots back at 141. Lee Trevino had a 71 and at 146 just qualified for the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday. It was the first time he's made the cut this year.

Timman claims chess crown

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Feb. 27 (AP) — Jan Timman of Holland drew his final match Friday and won the \$25,000 Magistral IV International Chess Tournament.

The 31-year-old Timman, who had been assured of the victory since the 11th round, drew with Lev Polugaevsky of the Soviet Union after only 14 moves and earned one-half point to boost his total to 9/4 for the tournament, sponsored by the Buenos Aires newspaper *Clarín*. Second was Lajos Portisch of Hungary, who drew his final match with Carlos Garcia Palermo of Argentina after 28 moves and ended the tournament with 8 points. World champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and Fernando Braga of Argentina suspended their 13th round match after 42 moves and Bent Larsen of Denmark and Ulf Andersson of Sweden suspended theirs after 57.

These two games were scheduled to be completed on Saturday, but the outcome of the games would not affect the first two places.

America women skiers exude confidence

ASPEN, Colo., Feb. 27 (AP) — America's women skiers, ready to compete on their home turf for the first time in the current World Cup season, are unanimous in their belief they can lay claim to the prestigious Nation Cup, which is awarded annually to the top team.

"We're closing in, and I think we can catch them," said Cindy Nelson, the self-proclaimed "grandmother" of the team at age 25. Nelson and her teammates will try to make a move on the leaders Saturday in a women's World Cup giant slalom on Aspen Mountain.

Austria leads the overall Nations Cup standings, with Switzerland a close second and the United States a distant third. But among the women, the United States is well within striking range. Switzerland leads with 499 points. West Germany follows with 483 and the United States has 475.

There are no more women's downhill races, so teams that do well in the remaining slalom and giant slalom races should have the advantage. And because of the World Cup's

Meanwhile Terry Gale of Australia fired a blistering three-under par 67 and American Tom Sieckman carded a two-under 68 to catch up with joint overnight leader Kurt Cox of the United States after three rounds in the \$130,000 Hong Kong Open here Saturday.

The three men were level with four-under par 206 after 54 holes over the par-70 6,694-yard (6,122-meter) Fanning course. The 35-year-old Gale from Perth was never in the front. But he quickly sank four birdies in a row from the 12th hole to put himself in contention for the first prize of \$21,650.

The lanky Sieckman, the 1981 Philippine and Thailand Open champion, was three-under by the 15th hole. But his tee shot on the 16th went wide into the practice area, and he was lucky to finish the hole with a double-hogey.

The 27-year-old American from Omaha, Nebraska, sank a birdie three on the 17th and ended the round two-under 68 to set the stage for a three-man tie. Cox, from San Antonio, Texas, had two birdies and two bogeys Saturday, finishing the 18 holes on even par 70.

Santana names Brazil squad for friendly tie

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 27 (AP) — Brazilian national soccer team coach Telé Santana released Friday his player list for the squad's March 3 exhibition game against Czechoslovakia in Sao Paulo.

The only surprise was the inclusion of Adilio, of world inter-club champion Flamengo of Rio, on the list of reserves. Midfielder Adilio had substituted for the injured Socrates in Brazil's last exhibition game, against East Germany, and Santana said he had decided "to give him another chance." As expected, the squad will include stars Zico and the recovered Socrates.

Starting lineup against Czechoslovakia will be: Waldir Peres; Leandro, Oscar, Junior and Luisinho; Tomaz Cerezo, Zico and Socrates; Paulo Isidoro, Roberto Dyrman, and Mario Sergio.

Santana also announced he would honor Brazil's veteran player Jairzinho — called here the "Hurricane" of the World Cup of 1970 — by starting him in the game, which will mark his 100th appearance.

Cheeseborough, Hansen share the glory

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Two of the world's best performances from American women are the highlight of Friday night's competition in the U.S. Indoor Athletics Championships here.

Chandra Cheeseborough clocked 23.25 in the semifinals of the 220 yards to chip two-hundredths of a second of her own previous world best set in February last year. Cheeseborough went on to win the final in 23.46 secs.

Joan Hansen profited from the absence of Mary Decker to run the two miles in a new world best of 9:37.03 heading Brenda Webb who clocked 9:37.64. The previous world best was American Francie Larrieu's 9:38.10. Again set in February last year.

The rest of these championships, watched by a 14,000 crowd were not quite up to standard, however. Many of the top names on the American indoor circuit such as Stanley Floyd, Renaldo Nehemiah, Sidney Maree and Alberto Salazar, were missing.

Carl Lewis came within one centimeter of his own world long-jump best of 8.55 meters, Evelyn Ashford won the women's 60 yards sprint in 6.54 secs. Stephanie Hightower won the 60 yards hurdles in 7.38 secs and the high jumps went to American pair Coleen Riens-

tra (1.91 meters) and Dwight Stones (2.25 meters).

The pole vault featured a long awaited clash between the Americans and France's former world record holder Thierry Vigneron. World best performer indoor Billy Olson proved the winner clearing 5.65 at his fourth attempt. Olson failed the regulation three times, but then complained that the poles had not been set correctly and was given another chance.

Strong field for Athens Marathon

Despite the absence of the world's top three, a strong international field has been assembled for the first International Amateur Athletics Union (IAAF) Golden Marathon in Athens on March 7, it was reported in London.

The field of 43 from 15 countries, and every continent, will not include world record holder Alberto Salazar of the United States, second fastest Roh De Castella of Australia or Japanese ace Toshihiko Seko, last year's winner of the Boston Marathon.

Salazar set the best time of two hours eight minutes 13 seconds when he won the New York Marathon for the second time in October. De Castella was only five seconds slower

behind teammates Christin Cooper, who was second, and Nelson, who took sixth.

"I missed a lot of time, and it took a while before I was full go, but I'm feeling pretty good and I'm excited about being back here," said McKinney.

As the West Germany result would indicate, the giant slalom has been a strong event for the American women this year. Cooper is tied for fourth in the season season standing, innery is sixth and Nelson is tied for ninth.

The leader is West Germany's Irene Eppler, with 107 points. Erika Hess of Switzerland is second at 81 and Eppler's younger sister, Maria, is third with 72. A victory here would be Irene Eppler's fourth giant slalom title of the year and would clinch the season standings for her.

Meanwhile, in Holmenkollen, Sweden's Thomas Wassberg, men's 15 kilometers gold medalist at Lake Placid, won the gold medal in the men's 50 kilometers cross country event at the World Nordic Skiing Championships in a time of 2 hours 32:00.9.

Hearing set during World Cup Court rebuffs Keegan plea

LEEDS, England, Feb. 27 (AP) — A bewigged judge refused Friday to be overruled by the star status of England's international footballer Kevin Keegan, and ordered him to turn up for a court case in Leeds.



Kevin Keegan... stirring up a storm in the middle of the World Cup in Spain. Keegan, who captains England, was not

in court but a friend of his said later: "Kevin is shattered by the judge's decision and is deciding what to do next. As things stand, England's chances could be ruined with this case hanging over their skipper's head."

The civil case, now timed for July 1 and expected to last several days, is Keegan's own. He is claiming fees from his former commercial managers and they are counter-claiming for commissions.

Judge Michael Davies, who had already allowed one postponement of the case from May 4 so that Keegan can play for his club Southampton in an English football league game, said he would not have another.

When Keegan's attorney, Christopher Holland, asked at Leeds high court for a new date in October, which would be "convenient" to Keegan, the judge said: "There will be no time convenient to him. He is either playing football, or training or dealing with his business empire. If it is left at July 1 and England loses the World Cup — June 13 to July 11 — everyone will say it was because Keegan was tired by the litigation."

Cosmos learn indoor soccer the hard way

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Feb. 27 (AP) — When Erol Yasin was told he would coach the Cosmos team's first indoor season, he dreamed of adding another championship to the club's outstanding history in the North American Soccer League.

Yasin and his star-studded team got a rude surprise. They played like apprentices and failed to qualify for the playoffs. Veterans Steve Wegerle of South Africa and Andranik Eskandarian, who represented Iran in the 1978 World Cup had particular trouble adjusting to the strange new indoor game. Many players from outside the United States did.

"I found it was out of my power to defend that ball," said Eskandarian, who had difficulty adjusting to the boards. "I couldn't do anything. It would go over my head, hit the wall and head to the forward's foot."

The fast-paced indoor game, with six players instead of 11, is played on a carpeted area about half the size of an outdoor field. Spectators are much closer to the action than they are in outdoor games.

The ball thunders off the plastic boards and is in play near the goals almost constantly. It's

not unusual for a player to elude a defender by kicking the ball against the boards and running around the defender to pick up his own pass.

Players have little time to rest, unlimited substitutions are allowed, and time penalties are imposed. All players are expected to attack when their team has the ball and defend as soon as it is lost. Two 45-minute halves are replaced by four 15-minute periods, and in case of a tie after 60 minutes, sudden death overtime decides the winner.

The Cosmos initially kept their players on the field too long, Eskandarian said. "You can't run non-stop with all your power for more than three minutes. You have no more power left. I find this is a game more of luck. It was very funny. In the beginning we thought it was going to be easy," Eskandarian said.

"When they told me we were going indoor, I didn't think it would be much different. After all, it is soccer. After a few games, I realized it was a totally different game," said Yasin, who finished 6-12.

The Cosmos' adjustment has been typical,

Grondana to seek solution

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 27 (AFP) — The president of the Argentina Football Federation, Julio Grondana has arrived at Mar Del Plata to mediate in the dispute between the River Plate club and six current internationalists.

The six men, Fillol, Pasarella, Kempes, Diaz, Gallegos and Oriarte were suspended for 45 days after they refused to turn out for River Plate in a friendly against Penarol of Uruguay. They were unhappy over the financial terms of their contracts.

Grondana has met with the manager of the national side, Cesar Menotti who is concerned that the suspensions will hinder his preparations for the defense of the World Cup in Spain during June-July.

Menotti has indicated he might cancel a squad get-together here and two friendly matches against Czechoslovakia on March 9 and West Germany on March 24. Grondana also spoke with the players and said he was "optimistic" that a solution could be found.

Spain eagerly awaits Kuwait

VALLADOLID, Spain, Feb. 27 (R) — The prospect of thousands of Kuwaitis turning up for the World Soccer Cup finals in June has filled this Spanish town with great expectations — everyone is hoping to get rich.

Apart from the 20,000 French fans expected in Valladolid, the thought of up to 10,000 Kuwaitis flocking here for two weeks has sent restaurateurs searching desperately for Arab recipes. The mayor hopes the visitors from the Gulf will build a block of flats and leave it to the town.

"No official offers have been made," mayor Tomas Rodriguez Bolanos said in an interview. "But there will definitely not be enough hotel places. We are ready to do what is necessary for the Kuwaitis to finance some of the building."

A local delegation has already visited the state and the mayor is planning to go there next month. He said thousands of fans from Kuwait and other Gulf countries were expected to spend two weeks in Valladolid to see the Kuwait team play France and Czechoslovakia in the first round. All three teams will then go to Bilbao to play England, the Group Four top seeds.

"Valladolid is not a traditional tourist c-

Indians record upset victory over Yugoslavs

CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 27 (AP) — India upset Yugoslavia 2-1 Saturday on the 12th day of the Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Cup International Soccer Tournament at Calcutta's Eden Gardens.

This was Yugoslavia's third defeat in the 17-day, six-nation tournament, named after India's first Prime Minister, earlier, Yugoslavia was beaten by Uruguay and China.

China and Uruguay share the lead in the tournament with six points each. South Korea follows with one point less.

Scoring their first victory in the tournament, the Indians surged into the lead in the 35th minute off a penalty goal by right-back Manoranjan Bhattacharya. The penalty was awarded by referee Zang Shilin of China when Indian striker Mihir Bose was tripped inside the box.

Yugoslavia replaced linkmen Brkic and Peshterac with Muruchi and Lacomovich and maintained pressure on the Indians, scoring the equalizer after half-time. Hailovich hit the goal off a penalty kick.

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Pacers go past Spurs at full throttle

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP) — Jack McKeown figures the quickest way to a victory is full gallop.

The Indiana coach put the theory into practice Friday night and the Pacers ran off with a 100 victory over San Antonio, their sixth in eight games and their fifth in a row in the Spurs.

Friday night's other National Basketball Association games it was Los Angeles 116, Philadelphia 114 in two overtimes; Chicago Atlanta 110 in one overtime; Boston San Diego 110; New Jersey 110, Portland 106; Washington 100, Kansas City 98; Boston 111, Golden State 95; Seattle 98, Phoenix 131, Denver 122.

We've changed our offensive theory and offensive ideas. Our entire offense is on the running game. It picks us up, we're not slowing down in any area," McKeown said after guard Don Buse scored a season-high 23 points, handed out 10 assists and limited George Gervin, the NBA's scorer, to 24 points, nine below the Pacers' average.

Lakers 116, 76ers 114: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored five of his season-high 41 points in the second overtime period as the

Lakers ran their winning streak to six in a row and snapped the 76ers' streak at 10 victories.

Andrew Toney, who led Philadelphia with 27 points, put the 76ers up 99-97 on a jumper with 10 seconds to go. But Abdul-Jabbar sent the game into overtime with a pair of free throws. He hit one of 27 shots from the field. He also had 19 rebounds and five blocked shots. "He carried us Friday night," said Lakers coach Pat Riley. "The guy's got just about everything he's always had."

Bulls 116, Hawks 110: Reggie Theus of Chicago sent his game into overtime by sinking a rebound at the buzzer to tie it 100-100. And in the fifth period, Artis Gilmore's hook shot with 25 seconds remaining broke a 110-110 tie, then Ricky Sobers added four points to snap the Hawks' five-game winning streak. Theus had 23 points for the Bulls. Eddie Johnson had 27 for Atlanta.

Celtics 122, Clippers 110: Boston withstood a late Clippers charge and rode Larry Bird's 24 points past San Diego. The Celtics saw a 21-point lead shrivel to 109-99 with 3:57 to play before Kevin McHale's two bas-

kets got Boston untracked and halted the threat.

"Being a young club, we're not prone to have patience at that time," said Clippers coach Paul Silas. "Then Boston came back and scored a few times and we couldn't come back after that." Michael Brooks had 24 points for San Diego.

Nets 110, Blazers 106: Ray Williams scored 22 points and Buck Williams had 21 for the Nets, who rallied from 14 points down in the fourth quarter. But it was Darwin Cook's steal and basket that knocked off the Trail Blazers.

With the score tied 106-106, Cook swiped the ball from Portland's Bob Gross and put in the layup that gave New Jersey a lead it never relinquished. The Trail Blazers missed their next shot and rookie Albert King sealed the victory with a jumper 14 seconds from the buzzer.

Bullets 108, Kings 98: Spencer Haywood scored a season-high 27 points, then rookie Frank Johnson scored six of Washington's final seven points as the Bullets snapped a three-game tailspin and handed the Kings their fourth consecutive loss and their 14th

in-a-row on the road.

Rockets 111, Warriors 95: Moses Malone pumped in 43 points and hauled down 23 rebounds and Elvin Hayes added 25 points and 13 rebounds as Houston buried the Warriors. Golden State, which trailed by as many as 18 points, got within five with 3 1/2 minutes to go, then the Rockets scored 12 of the remaining 13 points. Purvis Short had 24 points to lead the Warriors.

Sonics 98, Jazz 97: Utah built a 15-point lead in the second period, then Seattle began pecking away. The Sonics caught up at the end of the third quarter, the two teams played virtually evenly the rest of the way, then Jack Sikma's two free throws with eight seconds remaining gave Seattle the victory. Sikma led the Sonics with 24 points. Adrian Dantley had 36 for the Jazz.

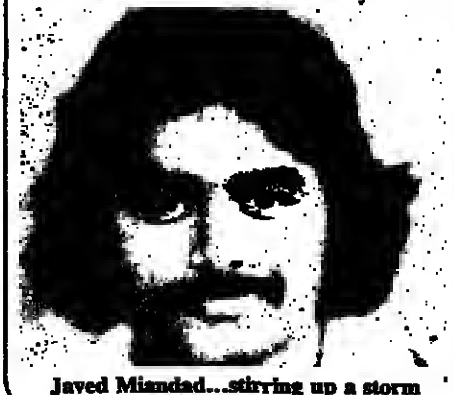
Suns 131, Nuggets 122: Len "Truck" Robinson scored 32 points and guards Dennis Johnson and Walter Davis teamed for 44 more as the Suns handed Denver its fifth straight loss and moved into third place in the Pacific Division, one-half game ahead of the Warriors. Dan Issel had 35 points for the Nuggets. Their coach, Doug Moe, was thrown out of the game, drawing two technical fouls for protesting a call too vehemently.

As board, players stand firm Miandad wins first round

KARACHI, Pakistan, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Negotiations between the rebel Test cricketers and officials of the Board of Cricket Control Pakistan continued for the second day Friday but there was no reported progress.

The Board president Air Marshal Nur Khan on his arrival in Lahore from Karachi met with the cricketers, who are refusing to play under the Test captaincy of Javed Miandad.

After the meeting, Air Marshal Nur Khan flew back to Karachi Friday after-



Javed Miandad...stirring up a storm

noon and left the Board's secretary Arif Abbasi to continue the dialogue. According to cricket circles, both parties have not yet arrived at an agreement.

The Board's president also held discussions with various member of the board and further talks will continue when the general council of the board meet in Lahore Sunday. Late Thursday night, Imran Khan one of the ten cricketers issued a press statement ruling out confrontation with the board.

Imran Khan said "While we all lack confidence in Javed Miandad ability to lead the team, all of us have a high regard for Javed Miandad as a player." Meanwhile, Javed Miandad has named captain of the BCCP Patron XI team for the three day match against Sri Lanka commencing at Rawalpindi from Sunday and team announced for this match does not include any of ten rebel cricketers.

The BCCP Patron's XI team: Rizwan-uz-Zaman, Shoaib Mohammad, Mansur Akhtar, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Haroon Rashid, Iqbal Sikander, Anil Dalt, Ejaz Faqih, Rashid Khan, Jalaluddin, Tausseef Ahmed (12th man), Qasim Omer and Mohammad Riaz.

For European welterweight title Palm kayoes Warusfel

OPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 27 (AP) — Hans Henrik Palm of Denmark knocked Frenchman Georges Warusfel early in second round here Friday night to become the new European welterweight champion.

The 32-year-old Frenchman was called in

than 12 hours before the bout to replace slugger Colin Jones, 22, who was reported stricken with appendicitis.

Palm and Warusfel were to have battled for European welterweight crown vacated

denly last January by another Dane, year-old Joergen "Old Man" Hansen.

Warusfel, originally on the card to fight Han-

Friday, was not a match for the taller

m. 25, who was primed for a brutal 12-

nd battle in his third attempt at the title.

he Frenchman's face reddened early in

first round from two of Palm's lefts. He

to counter Palm's superior reach by

ching deep from a crouch. As the second

started a cut on Warusfel's nose started

leak, forcing the Frenchman into a corner.

alm lashed out with a left hook, sending

refuel to the canvas and Italian referee

gelo Boletti started the count. As the Fre-

man wobbled to his feet, bleeding and

learns takes on Geraldo

AS VEGAS, Feb. 27 (R) — Thomas

arns, the former World Boxing Associa-

(WBA) welterweight champion, makes

debut as a middleweight here Saturday in

0-round bout against veteran Mexican

ros Geraldo.

The 23-year-old Detroit boxer, who lost

title to compatriot Sugar Ray Leonard last

badly shaken, Boletti stopped the fight.

It was Palm's 38th win, the 17th by knock-out, in 40 professional fights. His only losses were the two times he tried to wrest the title from Hansen, his close friend and sparring partner. After Friday's fight, Warusfel said only "I've never been hit so hard before."

But Palm, barely winded, said "I won't really feel like the European champion until I beat Jones." Boxing sources said Jones will almost surely be named official challenger for the title and will likely get a chance at Palm later in 1982. Palm and Warusfel fought before a crowd of 4,000—almost a full house at KB-Hallen, Arena in Suburban Copenhagen.

Kalule gets verdict

Meanwhile, Ayub Kalule of Uganda, former WBC junior middleweight champion, won an easy, towering decision over Frenchman Jacques Chinois in 10 slow rounds Friday night in another bout in Copenhagen.

Chinois used every opportunity to avoid Kalule, who seemed only interested in the exercise. Chinois was warned several times to box as the crowd booed the slow pace of the fight. Kalule is expected to get a chance later in 1982 to win back the junior middleweight title he lost to Sugar Ray Leonard in July, 1981.

learns takes on Geraldo

September, hopes an impressive victory over Geraldo will put him in line for a big-money match with world middleweight champion Marvin Hagler later this year.

"Thomas is a natural welterweight, but there's no attractive opposition in the division other than Leonard, and we're having plenty of problems getting a return with Ray right now," said Emanuel Steward, Hearn's manager and trainer.

"I don't think Leonard is a true champion," said Hearn, who held the WBA welterweight crown for 13 months losing to Leonard. "He doesn't want to give me another chance." Since that defeat Hearn has fought once, as a junior middleweight in December when he won an unimpressive 10-round points decision over American Ernie Singletary in Nassau. That win propelled Hearn into a number two ranking among WBA contenders in the junior middleweight division.

"My only problem has been gaining weight," said Hearn, who has won 33 fights, stopping 30 opponents, and lost one. "I'm not really a junior or full-fledged middleweight. I was hitting Singletary with all I had and it was different than as a welterweight."

"When you see a man take your best shot and he's still there, it makes you wonder. It's a little discouraging," Geraldo, 27, has a record of 49 wins and 15 losses. He went the distance with both Leonard, in 1979, and with Hagler, in 1980, losing each time in non-title bouts.



Buster Mottram...causes mild flutter

Grand Prix rules flayed by Borg

LONDON, Feb. 27 (R) — Bjorn Borg described as ridiculous the rule that requires him to qualify for all Grand Prix Tennis Tournaments and said he might go fishing rather than compete in the French Open or at Wimbledon.

The 25-year-old Swede, who has won the French title six times and Wimbledon on five occasions, was speaking in a radio interview recorded in Monte Carlo where he will make his return to tournament tennis April after a three-month break.

In WCT tourney Gerulaitis dazzles Smid

GENOA, Italy, Feb. 27 (AP) — Second-seeded American Vitas Gerulaitis reached the semifinals of the \$300,000 WCT bitti bergamo Memorial Tennis Tournament here Friday, defeating No. 5 seed Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia 7-5, 6-3.

Fast and as inventive as always, Gerulaitis used a strong first serve — he hit six aces — deft passing shots and cleverly disguised lobs in the best match of the tournament so far. Rebounding from a service break in the first set, the American immediately broke back against Smid who had the added advantage of serving with new balls.

Later when Smid served at 5-6 to try to pull even, Gerulaitis lobbed for a clean winner and broke the gangly Czech on a volley which he had set up with yet another lob.

In the second set, Smid fought stubbornly and Gerulaitis had to struggle to hold serve. But at 1-2 the Czech seemed to lose patience and the American quickly gained a 5-1 lead.

Still Smid hung on, breaking Gerulaitis once and threatening to break again. But on his third match point, Gerulaitis put away a forehand volley for a winner.

Early in the day the tournament was a showcase of talent for next week's Davis Cup action. Fourth-seeded Vijay Amritraj, of India, who will lead his team against America, stormed back after dropping the first set 6-4 and stunned 8th seeded Bill Scanlon of the United States to take the next two sets 6-1, 6-1. Always effective with a serve and volley game, Amritraj was even more potent

Friday with his return of serve.

In a mild upset, the 7th seed Buster Mottram of Great Britain, who will play the Davis Cup against Italy on the clay courts of Rome, won handily on these fast indoor courts, beating third-seeded Balazs Taroczy of Hungary, 6-2, 6-4.

In a late night match, top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia was playing his coach and friend Wojtek Fibak of Poland.

Chris stages rally

Meanwhile, in Oakland, top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd won five straight games in a third-set comeback, after trailing 4-0, and beat Leslie Allen 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 Friday night in the quarterfinals of the \$150,000 Avon Championships of California.

Andrea Jaeger, the tournament's defending champion, also made the semifinal stage by turning back seventh-seeded Barbara Potter 6-4, 7-6. But Jaeger, like the tournament's top-seed Chris Evert, had to battle it out all the way. Potter, who boasts of powerful serves nearly took the 16-year-old to the deciding set, but Jaeger came on strongly in the second set tiebreaker.

Jaeger takes on unseeded Claudia Kohde, of West Germany, who gained the semifinal berth with an upset victory. Kohde stopped fifth-seeded Wendy Turnbull of Australia 6-4, 6-2, while another West German Sylvia Hanika earned a semifinal meeting with Chris Evert when her opponent Virginia Ruzici of Romania was forced to withdraw with a knee injury in the second game of the first set.

New Zealand off to a bright start

WELLINGTON, Feb. 27 (AFP) — New Zealand made a promising start in the first cricket Test against Australia at the Basin Reserve here Saturday.

At close of play on the second day of a rain-affected match, New Zealand were 107 for one wicket, batting first after four full sessions had been lost to weather.

Australian skipper Greg Chappell sent New Zealand in on a pitch which was expected to provide a lot of assistance to the bowlers, particularly after New Zealand had been dismissed for just 74 runs when batting first on the same turf in a one-day game last weekend.

However, New Zealand opens John Wright and Bruce Edgar batted comfortably on a surprisingly docile wicket for an 86-run opening stand. The Australians missed one real chance when Wright was dropped by Terry Alderman at third slip in Jeff Thompson's third over.

The Australian bowling, although economical, was too often wide of the wicket, especially in the important early stages.

Score-board

New Zealand (1st innings)	
B. Edgar batting	41
J. Wright c Chappell b Yardley	38
J. Marshall batting	8
Extras	20
Total (for 1 wk.)	107
Fall of wickets: 1-86	
Bowling: Alderman 22-14-30-0; Lillee 14-4-32-0; Yardley 12-5-15-1; Thomson 10-8-8-0; Chappell 2-1-2-0.	



Thomas Hearn...makes debut in middleweight

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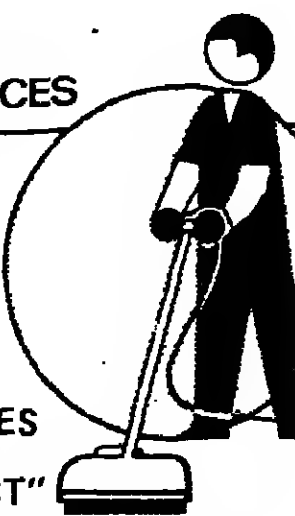
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To avoid catastrophe

Polish clergy calls for martial law end

WARSAW, Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Poland's Catholic bishop Saturday called on Poland's Communist authorities to lift martial law and seek a national accord to avoid a looming catastrophe.

The statement, drafted during a two-day meeting which ended Friday, is the strongest plea to date for a swift end to martial law which began here last Dec. 13.

The bishops also called for the release of interned Solidarity Union activists and amnesty for unionist and others jailed for martial law offences since the union was suspended.

"The bishops and all of society expect at the very earliest the lifting of martial law, the release of interned persons and amnesty for those convicted of martial law offenses," the statement signed by over 60 bishops said.

In addition, the bishops, meeting under the leadership of primate Jozef Glemp, warned that a catastrophe was in the making. "The situation in which the country and nation find themselves bears all the markings of a true moral, social and economic catastrophe," the statement said.

In line with past statements by the church and Glemp's speeches, the communiqué also

said "those now in hiding should be allowed to come out safely and no one should be fired (from their work) for membership in trade unions."

The communiqué is the first official church statement since Glemp, Krakow Cardinal Franciszek Macharski and Wroclaw Archbishop Henryk Gulbinowicz returned from a week-long meeting in the Vatican with Polish-born Pope John Paul II.

Glemp and other bishops have refrained from harsh criticism of the Communist rule in an apparent effort to prevent a souring of relations between church and state.

The bishops' meeting came one week after the state-run media criticized some clergy members and a priest was reported on trial for slandering Prime Minister Jaruzelski.

The bishops' support for Solidarity flew in the face of an increasingly harsh condemnation of the union and its leaders by Poland's military and political establishment. There are growing indications that the authorities are thinking in terms of not resurrecting the union which enjoyed mass support before the military crackdown.

The authorities have, to date, made no serious attempts to open a dialogue with Solidarity's interned and jailed leaders, a move which the bishops made clear they believe is essential in order to establish a platform for national reconciliation.

The bishops said the public still supported Solidarity and argued that the union would have to take its place in any serious attempt at forging national agreement.

The bishops' communiqué, which will be read in churches across Poland, was more decisive than some earlier church statements and appeared to reflect more closely the views of Pope John Paul.

Reports from the Vatican at the time of Glemp's visit to Rome earlier this month suggested that the Pope was critical of what has been described as the primate's cautious approach to the military.

The communiqué said: "the episcopate considers its mission at this point in time to call for the creation of a social covenant for the good of the entire nation. It must be based on truth, justice, freedom and love."

The Sejm, parliament, meanwhile, ended a two-day session approving two ministerial changes and unanimously accepting a draft law to establish a state tribunal to try the disgraced leaders of the rule of former party leader Edward Gierek.

The draft bill is expected to be given final approval at the next parliamentary sitting.

Deputy Zenon Wroblewski, who read the first draft, said the tribunal will be empowered to try state, government and party leaders if they expose the nation to serious political, economic and social danger.

The tribunal will not be able to impose prison sentences and its main force will be moral.

There has been no formal confirmation that Gierek himself will stand before the tribunal but he and others associated with his misrule were interned after the military takeover and it is widely understood that they will be brought before the tribunal.

Soares rejects Salvador plea

LISBON, Feb. 27 (R) — Former Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares has refused an invitation from the government of El Salvador to observe next month's controversial elections, his party announced Saturday.

A Portuguese Socialist Party statement said Soares, its secretary-general, had turned down the invitation because the party "considers that the conditions for holding free and representative elections do not at present exist in El Salvador."

The party denounced "the interference of foreign powers" in El Salvador and protested against what it described as an attempt to turn "Central America into an Afghanistan of the opposite color."

Although the statement carefully avoided any mention of the United States, it represented a thinly-veiled criticism of U.S. policy in Central America where the Reagan administration is deeply committed to the March 28 elections for a constituent assembly in El Salvador.

Eclipse enthusiasts book Indonesian hotels

JAKARTA, Feb. 27 (AFP) — With thousands of people expected here to witness a five-minute total eclipse of the sun on June 11, 1983, hotels are already fully booked and room prices have shot up by as much as 230 percent, the *Merdeka* newspaper reported here Saturday.

Some 5,400 foreigners have already contacted tourist agencies here, and a national eclipse committee, set up to deal with the expected tourist influx, is planning on housing visitors in special camp sites, the paper said. The eclipse will be fully visible at Ujung Pandao, in the Celebes Islands, and in central Java, weather conditions permitting.

Sub chased from Italy's major port

ROME, Feb. 27 (AFP) — An Italian submarine last Wednesday gave chase to a non-identified and apparently nuclear-powered in Italian territorial waters off the city of Taranto, the country's major military port, the Italian Defense Ministry's said Saturday.

Defense Minister Lello Lagorio issued a communiqué after sources had disclosed that the Italian submarine played hide and seek during 18 hours with a Soviet "Victor" class submarine spying off the Italian coastline.

But although the ministry communiqué confirmed the incident, it said simply that the foreign vessel "did not belong to a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)" country.

According to the statement a newly built "Santus" class Italian submarine, the *Leonard Da Vinci*, detected a foreign ship cruising in deep waters off Taranto on the southeastern tip of Italy early Wednesday.

The *Leonard Da Vinci* "maintained instrument contact with the unit until it left territorial waters," the ministry said, adding that helicopters and sonar-equipped boats also "tracked the vessel" which "was not identified."

Well-informed sources said the mysterious submarine was discovered some 35 miles southeast of Taranto and was also chased by a dozen Atlantic anti-submarine aircraft until it reached the high seas at 2 a.m. Thursday.

Basques claim grenade attack

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Feb. 27 (R) — The hard-line military wing of the Basque guerrillas' homeland and freedom group (ETA-M) Saturday said it had fired a grenade at civil guards barracks here.

The statement dashed police speculation that the attack Friday could have been the first by another Basque separatist guerrilla group after a year-long truce.

The grenade-launcher was of a type shown to reporters when the political-military branch of the Basque guerrillas (ETA-PM) announced the end of the truce in a clandestine news conference earlier this week.

The attack, against the San Sebastian headquarters of the civil guard Friday caused no injuries.

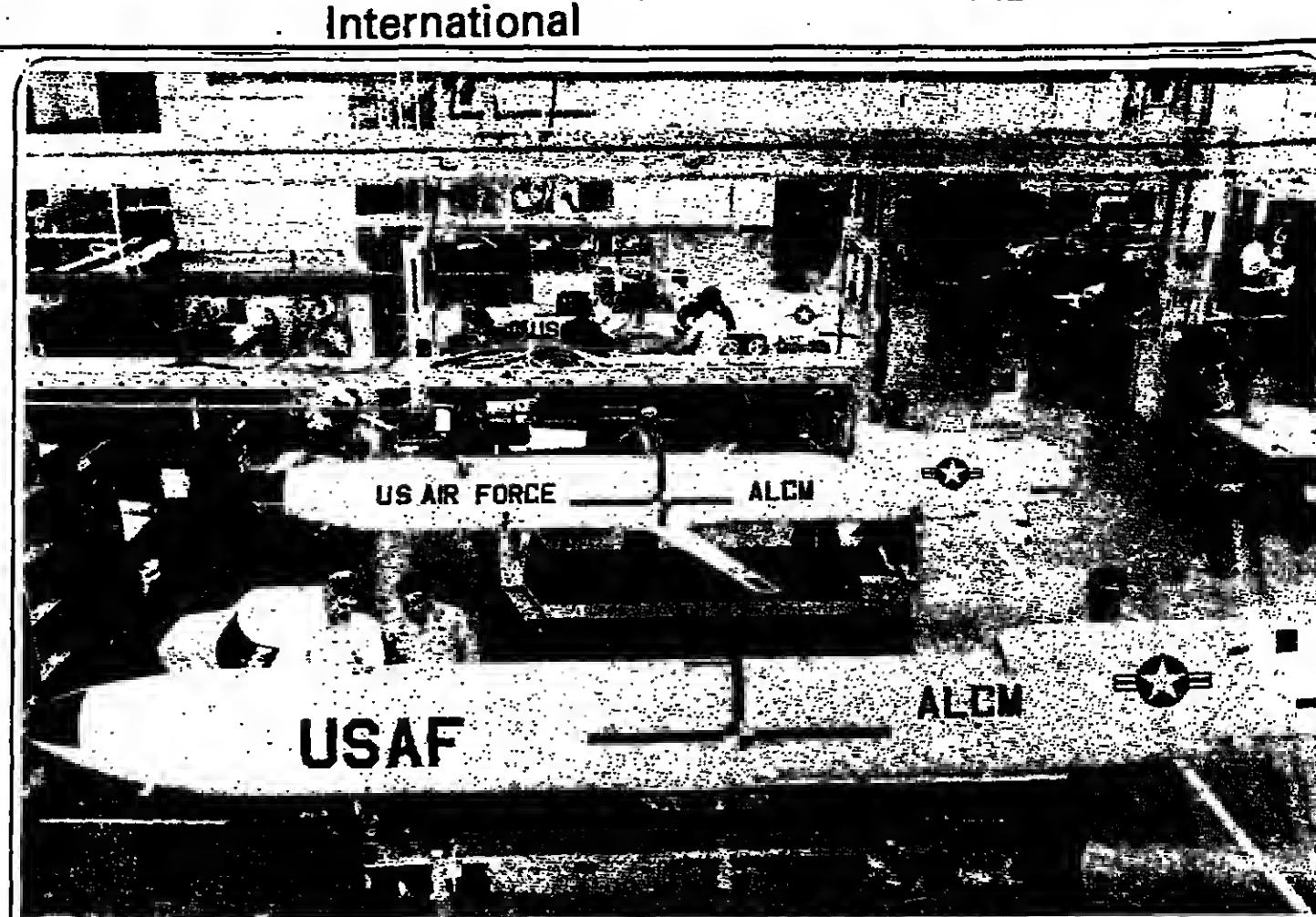
ETA-M, which never joined in the truce, also claimed responsibility in a communiqué to Basque news media for blowing up parts destined for a controversial nuclear plant under construction in the Basque country last Sunday.

India allocates \$555m for extra defense bill

NEW DELHI, Feb. 27 (AFP) — India will spend an additional 5,000 million rupees (about \$555.5 million) on defense during the new financial year beginning April 1. The defense allocation, stated in annual budget proposals presented by Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee to Parliament Saturday, showed an 11 percent increase, the same rate as last year.

Mukherjee estimated the expenditure for 1982-83 at \$1,000 million rupees (about \$5,666.6 million), up from 46,000 million rupees (over \$5,111 million) in the revised estimates for the current year.

The actual expenditure on defense in the current year exceeded by 40,000 million rupees (about \$4,444 million) the original allocation in the 1981-82 budget proposals.



MISSILE LINEUP: Engineers are seen working on the cruise missile project at the Boeing laboratory in Seattle. Cruise missiles are designed to be launched from F-52 aircraft. They have a range of about 2,400 kms and can sweep across enemy borders at low altitudes thus evading detection.

Peking ignores annual of Shanghai document

PEKING, Feb. 27 (AP) — At a time of tense relations and difficult talks about Nationalist China festivities will take place Sunday to mark the 10th anniversary of the Shanghai communiqué which began the process of Sino-American normalization.

Relations have reached their lowest point in years because of the Reagan administration's apparent plans to sell sophisticated arms to Taipei.

Despite two invitations, former U.S. President Richard Nixon, who issued the Shanghai communiqué Feb. 28, 1972, will not visit China at this time. He had been invited to attend ceremonies commemorating the event.

Observers here speculate that Nixon, regarded here as a friend of China, decided not to come in order not to complicate the situation or embarrass his fellow Republican, President Ronald Reagan, who is criticized in China for his position on arms sales to the Taipei regime.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry and U.S. Embassy have said nothing is planned to

N. Koreans to OK Kim's heir

PYONGYANG, North Korea, Feb. 27 (AFP) — Legislative elections in North Korea Sunday are expected to confirm the rise to power of Kim Jong Il, eldest son of President Kim Il Sung, as the country's first vice president.

After Sunday's election of 600 deputies, all contending for seats under the Communist Party banner, the new members of North Korea's supreme popular assembly will elect the country's president and three vice presidents.

North Korea watchers in Pyongyang said the deputies were sure to renew 70-year-old Kim Il Sung's mandate as president, but added that his 42-year-old son would probably be appointed the country's vice president.

For over a year and a half, observers have believed that Kim Jong Il was set to follow in his father's footsteps. Recent coverage given to Kim Jong Il in the North Korean press has confirmed those expectations.

The "Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Korea's Reunification," an underground radio broadcasting from South Korea, recently termed Kim Jong Il an "exception-

ally wise" man with "outstanding leadership qualities."

More recently still, a North Korean leaflet distributed in Paris devoted an entire issue to the president's son under the title "to the grandeur of leading Comrade Jong Il, a beloved and far-seeing leader with noble virtues."

The leaflet said that "as a child" Kim Jong Il "was endowed with exemplary wisdom and intelligence." During the sixth party congress in October 1980, the younger Kim emerged as No. 2 in the party hierarchy after his election to the presidium of the Politburo, the central committee and the party's military commission.

His rise as heir apparent to his father earlier stirred anxiety both in Moscow and in Peking, which are unfavorable to family rule and nepotism. China, whose main concern is to maintain good relations with North Korea to bar Soviet influence there, finally accepted that power be handed down from father to son.

After hesitating, the Soviet Union adopted the same attitude. Moscow's ambassador in Pyongyang recently said that Moscow was "aware that comrade Kim Jong Il gave out directions at all levels."

Panel suggests trade weapon in 3rd World deals

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (R) — The United States should consider the use of trade and economics rather than military force as the major factor in its policies toward the Third World, the independent Overseas Development Council (ODC) said in a report issued Saturday.

The report, endorsed by the ODC chairman, former World Bank President Robert McNamara, said U.S. and Soviet military power is not likely to be used effectively in influencing developing nations during this decade.

Third World countries are likely to be politically unstable, increasing the danger of East-West conflict. Soviet adventurism may lead to U.S. military reaction, which would produce undesirable results, the report said.

Military intervention could create the impression that U.S. interest in Third World countries was confined to preventing Soviet advances, and place the United States in the position of supporting regimes that face growing domestic opposition.

A decline in the Soviet economy and the mixed results of its Third World involvement suggested the Soviet Union may now be in a defensive position and increasingly preoccupied with problems at home and in Eastern Europe, the report said.

Japanese remember U.S. bomb test victim

SHIZUOKA, Japan, Feb. 27 (AFP) — About 2,000 anti-nuclear protesters rallied here Saturday in memory of a Japanese crewman who died of sickness induced by radioactive fallout from an American hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific in 1954.

The rally, organized by leftist ban-the-bomb groups and labor and pacifist organizations from across the country, adopted an appeal demanding the government to maintain its policy against production, possession and introduction of nuclear arms.

The victim, Akikichi Kuboyama, was a radio-man when his fishing boat, *The No. 5 Fuku-ryumaru*, was showered with radioactive fallout as it passed by the Pacific atoll of Bikini on March 1, 1954.

GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min C	F	Max C	F	
Amsterdam	-2	28	5	41	cloudy
Athens	-8	46	15	59	cloudy
Bahrain	14	57	19	66	clear
Bangkok	27	81	33	91	clear
Beirut	11	52	20	68	cloudy
Berlin	-3	27	2	36	cloudy
Brussels	1	34	5	41	cloudy
Cairo	10	50	20	68	cloudy
Caracas	16	61	26	79	cloudy
Chicago	-10	14	1	34	cloudy
Copenhagen	-5	23	4	45	cloudy
Dublin	7	45	11	52	clear
Frankfurt	-8	18	3	37	clear
Geneva	-4	25	1	34	clear
Hong Kong	14	57	16	61	cloudy
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	24	75	34	93	cloudy
London	6	43	11	52	cloudy
Los Angeles	13	55	20	68	cloudy
Madrid	3	37	16	61	clear
Manila	21	70	33	91	clear

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Mexico City	10	50	22	72	clear
Miami	20	68	25	77	cloudy
Montreal	-10	-5	-12	10	clear
Moscow	-15	5	-23	clear	
New Delhi	10	50	25	77	cloudy
New York	-7	19	2	36	clear
Nicosia	9	48	18	64	cloudy
Oslo	-4	25	-1	30	cloudy
Paris	3	37	7	45	cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	21	70	31	88	rain
Rome	-1	30	8	46	rain
San Francisco	10	50	15	59	clear
Seoul	-3	27	8	46	clear
Singapore	24	75	33	91	clear
Stockholm	-4	25	-10	50	cloudy
Sydney	18	64	21	70	cloudy
Taipei	12	54	17	63	rain
Tokyo	2	36	9	48	clear
Toronto	-11	12	-6	21	clear
Vancouver	3	37	8	46	rain
Vienna	0	32	1	34	snow

Good Mornin

By Jihad Al-Khazen

The young man went abroad to work and was soon doing very well indeed, thought it was time to bring his mother — he hadn't seen her for a long time, was quite happy to come out and was got used to life abroad, the markets, restaurants and so forth. All great fun.

On her birthday, her son decided to make her a gift of a credit card. She understood at first the meaning of such a gift, a mere piece of plastic with some scribbles on it. He explained that card is to make her shopping easier, she can use it instead of money.

"Unbelievable," she said. "No money." He assured that was the case. "You mean I can keep using it, just that?" He reassured her but said that thing had a limit — one thousand pounds sterling per month. "Strange," she said. By the first month she had used up one thousand and by the second she was the same. The young man was doing well but not that well. So he told his mother that this wouldn't do, that he will have to give her a check book instead. That way, he thought, she'd know how much she was spending.

"Oh dear," she said. "Could you make two or three check books?" He taken aback. "Whatever for?" "Well, it was easier with the card when I didn't have to write anything, just sign. That was easier for all my friends who came up shopping with me. I just signed them. Now it's going to be awkward. It would be better if each had her own book."

"You mean you paid for everyone shopping with your card? Mother, how could you?"

"Why not?" she said, bewildered. "You said it doesn't cost any money, long as I spent only a thousand pounds month. We never spent more than a thousand so what's all the fuss."

He is still trying to explain the theory of credit cards to the old lady. She still to her friends, "Ah, he was such a boy. That streak of meanness came from me."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

S. Africa premie wins vote of tru

PRETORIA, Feb. 27 (AP) — Prime Minister P.W. Botha overcame a revolt by conservatives within his ruling National Party Saturday and won a crucial vote of confidence, South African radio reported.

At the end of a six-hour emergency meeting, delegates at a Transvaal province party — the center of conservative opposition — voted 172-36 in favor of motion of confidence in Botha, the South African Broadcasting Corporation said.

meeting also voted to temporarily suspend the leader of the revolt and three others from their positions on the committee of provincial leaders.

National Party Cabinet Minister And Treurnicht, who is also minister of state administration, and the three others will not be suspended from the party "until intense efforts have been made" to get them to change their views, a spokesman said after the meeting. Botha unexpectedly attended the meeting in person even though he is from the C Province, indicating the importance he attached to putting down the rebellion.

On Wednesday the right-wing National Party MPs voted against a party caucus sure of confidence in Botha's policies after endorsing "healthy power sharing" with nation's mixed-race and Asian populations. The conservative supporters of apartheid racial separation, objected to any form of joint government with non-whites.

Treurnicht had called the gathering of National Party legislators and local leaders from the Transvaal, center of conservative opposition to racial reform, to try to win condemnation of Botha's policies.

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